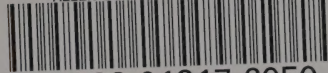


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Town Report

Town of

PERU

For the Fiscal Year
Ending February 1, 1954

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Municipal Officers

of the

Town of Peru

Year Ending February 1, 1953

RUMFORD PUBLISHING CO., RUMFORD, MAINE

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
LESLIE IRISH

Town Clerk and Treasurer
MARY S. VAUGHN

Selectmen, Assessors, Fence Viewers and Overseers of the Poor
MAURICE B. OLDHAM LESLIE L. GORDON
CLAYTON E. CHILD

Collector of Taxes
MARY S. VAUGHN

Constables
HARRY P. HANNON MARY S. VAUGHN
PETER DRAGOON J. BRYANT OLDHAM

Road Commissioner
HENRY P. HUSSEY

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
ISAAC A. SEARLES

Superintending School Committee
DONALD PERKINS FRANK NORRIS
GERALDINE DONAHUE

Superintendent of Schools
BRUCE J. KINNEY WOODROW MERCIER

Sealer of Weights and Measures
COLA YORK

Fire Chief and Fire Ward
WILLIAM B. AUSTIN

Health Officer and Attending Officer
JOHN GERRISH

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate Resident	\$316,255.00	
Real Estate Non-Resident	352,810.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$ 669,065.00
Personal Estate Resident	\$403,977.00	
Personal Estate Non-Resident	325,321.00	
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Total Personal Property		\$ 376,126.00
Grand Total		\$1,084,883.00
Value of Land	\$286,450.00	
Value of Buildings	372,615.00	
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		\$ 669,065.00

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Avg. Value	Total Val.
Horses	49	\$43.00+	\$ 2,105.00
Steers, Oxen, Bulls	28	36.00+	1,020.00
Cows	141	44.00+	6,285.00
Heifers, over 2 years	18	31.00+	580.00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.	50	25.00+	1,290.00
Domestic Fowl (over 50)	526	.50	263.00
Chickens	10,000	.10	1,290.00
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Total Livestock and Poultry			\$12,543.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Avg. Value	Total Val.
Cattle, 18 mos. or younger	50		\$ 1,290.00
Domestic Fowl (to number of 50)	10,526	.50	1,263.00
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			\$ 2,553.00

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	
Light Co.		\$ 15,500.00
Stock in Trade	10	9,750.00
Unmanufactured material in mill		58,827.00
Logs		162.00

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Wood and Bark	2	68,248.00
Boats	24	825.00
Gasoline Pumps	14	1,470.00
Musical Instruments	24	530.00
Radios	241	5,295.00
Furniture, Including Electrical and other Modern Appliances		24,235.00
Finished product in Mills		109,845.00
Tractors		1,150.00
Machinery and Equipment		2,460.00
Other Property		5,350.00

 \$303,647.00

Taxable Livestock and Poultry

12,543.00

 \$316,190.00
INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY PROPERTY

Railroad Property	\$ 3,000.00
Light and Power	15,500.00
B. F. D. Div., Diamond Match	435,374.00

 \$453,874.00
TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY

Property Exempted by Town Vote	2,025.00
Town Property, not used for Municipal Purposes	900.00
Property of Veterans and Blind (6)	5,050.00

 \$ 7,975.00

Amount of Taxes Assessed on Real and Personal for Current Year	\$ 81,852.21
Amount Assessed on Polls	876.00

Grand Total	\$ 82,728.21
Number of Polls Taxed	292
Number of Polls not Taxed	43
Poll Tax	\$3.00
Rate of Taxation	.083

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated	\$ 4,000.00
Paid:	
Maurice Oldham	\$ 811.00

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Leslie Gordon	416.00		
Clayton Child	417.00		
Lester Hall	20.00		
Mary S. Vaughn	1,500.00		
Donald Perkins	40.00		
Frank Norris	40.00		
Geraldine Donahue	40.00		
Leslie Irish	10.00		
John Gerrish	90.00		
J. Bryant Oldham	3.00		
Peter Dragoon	8.00	\$	3,395.00
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Unexpended		\$	605.00

COMMITMENT APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Support of Schools	\$ 37,553.59	
Poor Maintenance	3,000.00	
Summer Roads	5,500.00	
Town Officers	4,000.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Street Lights	800.00	
Town Cemeteries	200.00	
Health Nursing	100.00	
State Aid	1,464.00	
Improved Town Roads	2,000.00	
Snow Removal	5,500.00	
Pleasant Street	350.00	
Worthley Pond Road	4,500.00	
Town Buildings	700.00	
Donation to Hospital	400.00	
Fire Department	800.00	
Town Dumps	300.00	
Delano Hill	800.00	
School Loan	7,100.00	
Skating Rink	250.00	
Dry Hydrants	300.00	
War Memorial	300.00	
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Appropriated		\$ 75,967.59

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Voted for Town Expenses	\$ 75,967.59
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County Tax	4,544.25	
Overlay	2,216.37	
Overlay		\$ 82,728.21

MISCELLANEOUS

Excise Tax	\$ 4,942.88
Receipts	730.16

Available	\$ 4,673.04
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Paid:

Emma West	\$ 64.75
Lester Hall	9.95
Clayton Child	91.36
Loring, Short & Harmon	69.31
Rumford Light Co.	187.81
Fogg's Transportation	3.70
Mary S. Vaughn	149.19
Baker's Store	9.37
Wm. Jordan	39.69
New England Tel. & Tel.	72.01
Jos. A. Arnold	585.90
Rumford Publishing	236.00
Rumford Bank & Trust	54.61
Leslie Gordon	66.05
Holt Bros.	24.06
Mark's Printing	2.37
Maurice Oldham	95.01
Roy Oldham	9.00
Lawrence Donahue	9.50
Arline Swan	35.75
Hazel Gray	17.75
Adolph Grudginsky	6.50
Stowell-MacGregor	21.00
Alfred Marble	106.25
Clarence Robinson	57.25
Dwight Oldham	40.00
Anderson & Briggs	65.47
Kenneth Roberts	13.00
S. D. Adams	13.50
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	10.00
Rumford Insurance	201.00
Warren Oldham	10.50
Harold Packard	9.80

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Alton Worthley	13.00	
Maine Municipal	40.00	
Town of Peru	.57	
Edwin Child	1.00	
Gerald Kingsbury	2.00	
James Dragoon	1.00	
Omer Beisaw	13.20	
Koppers, Inc.	261.01	
Treasurer of State	392.10	
Joe Gillis	5.00	
Wm. B. Austin	.50	
Rumford Drug	29.50	
Alex Godish	24.00	
Earl Clifford	.50	
Corey's Express	6.27	
Sherman Haines	17.75	
Towle's Hardware	4.11	
Ceylon Putnam	10.00	
Omer Richard	1.80	
Sears Roebuck & Co.	3.76	
Rumford Bank & Trust	146.67	
Cutting Bushes, Railroad Approach	39.88	\$ 3,409.08
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Unexpended		\$ 1,263.96

COUNTY TAX

Assessed		\$ 4,544.25
Paid:		
Stuart Martin	\$ 4,544.25	
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WEST PERU AND WORTHLEY POND DUMPS

Appropriated		\$ 300.00
Paid:		
Roy Oldham	\$ 7.00	
Clayton Child	9.00	
Waldo Porter	165.90	
Ralph Hazelton	1.80	
Maurice Oldham	4.00	
Merwyn Putnam	45.50	
Benton Cash	94.50	
Dwight Oldham	2.00	
Colin Voter	7.00	
Durward Oldham	3.00	

Erwin Child	3.00		
Rodney Haynes	2.00		
Milton Vaughn	2.00		
Zane Brown	1.00		
E. John Garneau	1.00		
Robert Schoonover	5.00		
Warren Oldham	3.00		
Town Truck	8.75	\$	365.45
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Overdrawn		\$	65.45
SKATING RINK			
Appropriated		\$	250.00
Held from 1952			125.00
Receipts			11.00
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Available		\$	386.00
Paid:			
Waldo Porter	\$	71.00	
Ralph Weir		37.50	
John Pietilla		27.50	
Joseph Simard		58.00	
Puila Bros.		77.97	
Atlas Products Co.		26.56	
Arthur Porter		16.00	\$ 314.53
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Unexpended		\$	71.47

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$	800.00
Credits			60.00
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Available		\$	860.00
Paid:			
Ralph Oldham	\$	2.50	
Bryant Oldham		2.50	
Merrill's		2.35	
Weir Electric		3.85	
Leo La Pointe		2.00	
Richard Swan		2.00	
Charles Child		3.00	
E. John Garneau		3.00	
Gerald Knox		4.00	
Harry Hannon		2.00	

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Thurl Dymont	2.00		
Wm. Donahue	2.00		
Robert Haines	3.00		
Rodney Haines	3.00		
Addison Lufkin	1.00		
Kenneth Palmer	1.00		
Moose Horn Garage	6.91		
Maine Duntile	1.50		
Joseph Lovejoy	1.00		
Ralph Griffin	17.59		
R. I. Mitchell	15.29		
Roy Oldham	5.00		
Kenneth Roberts	5.00		
Lewiston Supply Co.	4.95		
Blanchard Associates	157.42		
Rumford Oil Co.	5.31		
Sears Roebuck & Co.	19.35		
Hawthorne & Knight	55.63		
Towle's Hardware	1.99		
William Austin	43.05		
Alfred Marble	2.00		
Omer Richard	2.00		
Ezra Hunt	1.00		
Milton Vaughn	9.00		
Ralph Kidder	44.30		
Waldo Porter	32.00		
Eastern Rire Equipment Co.	27.50		
Arthur Porter Jr.	4.22		
Fogg's Transportation	1.10		
B. & C. Products Co.	27.00		
Clayton Child	3.00		
Ronald Emery	1.00		
Ralph Staples	1.00		
Erwin Child	10.00		
Maurice Oldham	3.00		
Ralph Hazelton	1.00	\$	548.31
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Unexpended		\$	311.69

HEALTH NURSE

Appropriated		\$	100.00
Paid:			
Treasurer of State	\$	100.00	
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SHORT TIME LOANS

Due Rumford Bank & Trust Co.		
Feb. 2, 1953		\$ 4,000.00
Received Rumford Bank & Trust Co.		
April 15, 1953		15,000.00
Paid:		
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.		
April 15, 1953	\$ 4,000.00	
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.		
Dec. 1, 1953	10,000.00	
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.		
Feb. 1, 1954	5,000.00	
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		\$ 19,000.00

HOSPITAL

Appropriated		\$ 400.00
Paid:		
Rumford Community Hospital	\$ 400.00	
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STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated		\$ 800.00
Paid:		
Rumford Light Co.	\$ 756.94	
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Unexpended		\$ 43.06

MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriated		\$ 50.00
Paid:		
Swasey Torrey Post	\$ 31.35	
Rev. James R. Bunker	10.00	\$ 41.35
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Unexpended		\$ 8.65

WAR MEMORIAL

Appropriated		\$ 300.00
Paid:		
Waldo Porter	\$175.00	
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Unexpended		\$ 125.00

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TOWN POOR

Appropriated		\$	3,000.00
Receipts			167.05
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Available		\$	3,167.05
Paid:			
Aid to Dependent Children,			
Case No. 1	\$	157.32	
Aid to Dependent Children,			
Case No. 2		299.65	
Aid to Dependent Children,			
Case No. 3		284.94	
Veterans, Case No. 4		98.22	
Aid to Dependent Children,			
Case No. 5		40.86	
Clarion Child Family		89.40	
John Homic		497.95	
Tramp		.40	
Ed Wing		101.10	
Chas. Sedgebear		637.24	
Willis Poland		267.27	
Wm. Wachukas		283.25	
Ludwig Baltrazitis		282.60	
Merle Hopkins		139.12	\$ 3,087.52
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Unexpended		\$	79.53

OTHER TOWN POOR

Supplies furnished for Veteran	\$	164.05
Due from Town of Livermore		164.05

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS — DEMERITT CEMETERY

	Principal	Interest
Abbott, James C.	\$ 164.02	\$ 3.83
Austin, Barlow	100.00	2.34
Bishop, Lillian	300.00	7.03
Demeritt, Elmer E.	200.00	4.69
Knox, Sumner	100.00	2.34
Lovejoy, Gusta Williams	375.00	8.78
Martin, John A.	100.00	2.34
Neal & Hemmingway	200.00	4.69
Simpson, Clementina	200.00	4.69
Woodsum, Nathaniel B.	100.00	2.34

Paid:

Demeritt Cemetery Assoc.	\$	43.07
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DICKVALE CEMETERY

Cushman, Jessie	\$	50.00	\$	1.20
Lovejoy, Elias		100.00		2.40

EAST PERU

Britton, Lora E.	\$	50.00	\$	1.20
Gammon, Chas. S.		200.00		4.83
Goodnow, Ida M.		200.00		4.83
Stillman, Hiram E.		100.00		2.36

WAITE & KNIGHT

Turner, Hollis	\$	732.92	\$	9.34
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TOWN CEMETERIES

Appropriated		\$	200.00
Receipts and Interest on Trust Funds			31.82

Available		\$	231.82
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Paid:

H. Stuart Gammon	\$	4.00		
Derriel Bryant		175.00		
Ralph Hazelton		13.61		
Walter Byron		25.25	\$	217.86

Unexpended		\$	13.96
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WORTHLEY POND ROAD

Appropriated		\$	4,500.00
Balance 1952			865.17
Transferred from Bridge Acct.			625.00

Available		\$	5,990.17
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Paid:

Town of Rumford	\$	24.60
New England Culvert		578.45
Town Truck		146.77
Town Tractor		260.00
Henry Hussey		198.76
Roy Oldham		166.50
Kenneth Roberts		39.00
Harold Packard Sr.		353.13
Walter Casper		262.17

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Alton Worthley	375.88		
Joe Gillis	153.00		
C. H. Robinson	48.50		
Warren Oldham	120.50		
Merle Knox, Jr.	216.75		
Lester Wiley	1,278.15		
Omer Beisaw	40.70		
Maurice Oldham	79.50		
Leslie Gordon	112.50		
Winfield Rolfe	4.71		
Bancroft & Martin	162.99		
Ralph Oldham	304.50		
Koppers Co., Inc.	543.75		
Ella Gaker	5.01		
George Byron	6.00		
Treasurer of State	396.65	\$	5,978.87

Unexpended

\$ 11.30

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated	\$ 5,500.00
Receipts	537.30

Available \$ 6,037.30

Paid:

Elwood Lovejoy	\$ 18.69
C. H. Robinson	342.76
Henry Hussey	301.00
A. G. Walker	40.00
Allan Wooley	3.00
Town of Mexico	22.50
Harold Packard	705.25
Joe Gillis	265.50
Merle Knox, Jr.	468.48
Roy Oldham	278.50
Kenneth Roberts	167.50
Milton Vaughn	83.00
Baker's Store	9.20
Walter Byron	8.00
Victor Eastman	3.00
Maine Duntile	34.80
Alton Lovejoy	7.00
J. Bryant Oldham	2.00
Warren Oldham	17.50

Towle's Hardware	3.19	
Richard Dolloff	68.00	
Robert Dolloff	26.50	
Roger Knox	17.00	
Treasurer of State	34.38	
Ralph Staples	8.00	
Harry Oldham	11.00	
George Byron	55.50	
Waldo Porter	120.00	
Leslie Gordon	215.88	
Maurice Oldham	20.00	
Alton Worthley	49.68	
Kenneth Worthley	23.00	
Town of Dixfield	440.00	
Marlin Thurston	2.10	
Roger Brown	6.50	
Clayton Child	5.00	
Murray Machine Co.	265.00	
Elwin Knox	29.00	
Merle Knox, Sr.	3.00	
Walter Tasker	7.00	
Clayton Child	11.00	
Howard P. Fairfield	75.65	
Town Truck	897.47	
Town Tractor	90.00	\$ 5,265.54
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Unexpended		\$ 771.76

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriated	\$	5,500.00
Receipts		728.83
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Available	\$	6,228.83
Paid:		
LABOR;		
Leslie Gordon	\$	262.00
Maurice Oldham		84.75
Roy Oldham		537.50
Joe Gillis		542.50
Henry Hussey		659.64
Kenneth Roberts		456.00
C. H. Robinson		339.25
Merle Knox, Jr.		102.88
Clayton Child		3.00

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Theodore Jasud	2.00
Warren Oldham	9.50
Harold Packard	7.42
Harry Oldham	5.00
George Byron	129.95
Kenneth Worthley	2.00
Marlin Thurston	8.00
Loando Brann	1.25
Harold Wing	1.25
Robert Dolloff	14.00
A. G. Walker	12.50
Alex Godish	7.00
Roger Knox	8.00
Alton Worthley	11.00
Lawrence Donahue	30.00
Ralph Oldham	4.00

TRUCK;

Harold Packard	263.74
Alton Worthley	345.61
Oscar Putnam	7.90
Waldo Porter	384.70
C. H. Robinson	38.25

SUPPLIES;

Alton Worthley	407.68
Ralph Hazelton	6.61
M. L. Fairbanks	169.07
New England Metal Culvert	233.98
Baker's Store	40.77
Timberlands	57.96
Towle's Hardware	3.99
Bancroft & Martin	31.01
Ezra Hunt	12.14
Lewiston Supply Co.	2.40
Victor A. Eastman	15.00

GRAVEL;

Ralph Oldham	3.30
Linus Libby	8.20
Harold Packard	17.30
Marlin Thurston	272.40
Elmer Child	11.00
Maine Duntile	4.10
Charles Hines	3.50

TRACTOR;

Anthony Mockus	20.00	
George Byron	14.00	
Maurice LaCroix	37.00	
Alton Worthley	85.50	
Waldo Porter	132.00	
A. G. Walker, Horses	47.40	
Waldo Porter, Shovel	135.90	
Paradis Bros., Shovel	68.00	
George Byron, Compressor	80.85	
Town Truck	395.38	
Town Tractor	162.00	\$ 6,765.28

Overdrawn		\$ 536.45
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IMPROVED ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	\$ 2,000.00
Receipts	25.00

Available	\$ 2,025.00
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Paid:

Henry Hussey	\$ 77.50	
Roy Oldham	71.50	
C. H. Robinson	114.00	
A. G. Walker	4.50	
Harold Packard	104.33	
Omer Beisaw	160.00	
Kenneth Roberts	73.00	
Warren Oldham	24.00	
Town of Rumford	14.78	
W. H. Shurtleff	44.60	
Treasurer of State	1,264.47	
Joe Gillis	88.00	
Leslie Gordon	44.00	
Merle Knox, Jr.	6.00	
Maurice Oldham	16.00	
Walter Casper	7.40	
Town Truck	20.75	\$ 2,134.82

Overdrawn		\$ 109.82
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STATE AID ROAD EXPENSES NO. 2 AND NO. 4**State Aid No. 2.**

1952 2nd Unit, Town	\$ 666.00
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1952 2nd Unit, State	812.52	
1952 Balance	27.17	
1952 Betterment	1,000.00	
1953 1 Unit Town	732.00	
1953 1 Unit State	988.20	
1953 Bonus	344.04	
1953 TRI Fund	200.00	\$ 4,769.93

State Aid No. 4

1952 Bal. Town Share	\$ 260.93	
1952 Bal. State Share	812.52	
1953 Bal. Town Share	732.00	
1953 Bal. State Share	988.20	\$ 2,793.65

\$ 7,563.58

Available	\$ 7,563.58
Overdrawn	1,659.40

Total Expenses \$ 9,222.98

PLEASANT STREET

Appropriated		\$ 350.00
Paid:		
Town of Rumford	14.76	
Treasurer of State	325.00	\$ 339.76
Unexpended		\$ 10.24

TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS

Appropriated		\$ 700.00
Paid:		
John Gerrish	\$ 10.62	
Towle's Hardware	12.38	\$ 23.00
Unexpended		\$ 677.00

DRY HYDRANTS

Appropriated		\$ 300.00
Receipts		1.20
Available		\$ 301.20
Paid:		
Waldo Porter	\$ 78.00	
Clayton Child	15.00	
Robert Schoonover	10.00	

George Byron	19.20		
Walter Byron	18.50		
Erwin Child	3.00		
Wm. B. Austin	3.00	\$	146.70

Unexpended		\$	154.50
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SCREEN MAINTENANCE

Unexpended Balance		\$	135.00
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Paid:

Alton Worthley	\$	3.00	
J. Bryant Oldham	30.50	\$	33.50

Unexpended		\$	101.50
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EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

D-4 Tractor

Paid for Labor:

Roy Oldham	\$	240.50	
Olen Russell		144.34	
Kenneth Roberts		117.00	
Southworth Machine		178.23	
Merle Knox, Jr.		115.00	
Maurice Oldham		28.00	
Fogg's Transportation		1.10	
Joe Gillis		3.50	
Clayton Child		2.00	
Wirt Virgin		1.00	
Richard Dolloff		8.00	
Waldo Porter		6.00	
Alex Goodish	6.00	\$	850.67

Paid for Supplies:

Southworth Machine	\$	247.28	
E. Corey		2.07	
Frost Motor Supply		78.41	
Hawthorne & Knight		74.43	
Ralph Kidder		2.65	
Eastern Tractor Co.		287.16	
Central Petroleum		42.10	
Olen Russell		81.77	
Treasurer of State		20.40	
Fogg's Transportation		1.10	
Wm. Dyke		10.00	

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Towle's Hardware	11.47		
Knox Garage	1.65		
Morrison's Garage	27.63	\$	888.12
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Total Expenditures		\$	1,738.79
Credits		\$	1,305.43

D-7 Tractor

Roy Oldham, Labor	\$	6.00	
Central Petroleum, Supplies		22.10	
Waldo Porter, Housing		75.00	
Southworth Machine		22.26	\$ 125.36
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F. W. D. Truck

Paid for Labor:

Roy Oldham	\$	375.00	
Kenneth Roberts		232.50	
Henry Hussey		6.00	
Olen Russel		163.16	
Leslie Gordon		19.50	
Joe Gillis		9.00	
Clayton Child		11.00	\$ 816.16
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Paid for Supplies:

Morrison's Garage	\$	25.45	
Sears Roebuck & Co.		29.41	
Moose Horn Garage		103.96	
B. M. Clarke		95.16	
Flora Gordon		127.08	
Ralph Hazelton		56.59	
Olen Russell		305.82	
Western Auto		1.19	
Knox Garage		10.70	
Wirt Virgin		30.30	
Harold Auto Sales		68.80	
Baker's Store		14.32	
Ralph Kidder		50.44	
Frost Motor Supply		94.23	
Central Petroleum		24.20	
Stowell MacGregor		1.38	
N. A. Burkett & Co.		47.76	
Howard Fairfield		196.70	
R. I. Mitchell		47.67	

Arthur Porter	4.96	\$ 1,336.12
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Total Expenditures		\$ 2,152.28
Credits		\$ 1,545.61

WEST PERU SCHOOL ADDITION

Rumford Bank & Trust Co. Notes due Feb. 1, 1954	\$40,800.00
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TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SOLD

Ira Gammon lots	\$ 200.00
Wallace Andrews prop.	50.00

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Assets		
Cash on hand	\$ 4,713.55	
1948 Taxes	30.61	
1949 "	286.34	
1950 "	282.60	
1951 "	227.00	
1952 "	139.68	
1953 "	3,521.55	\$ 9,201.33
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TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

Glenroy Miller Lot	\$ 25.00	
Rupert Hotham Lot	100.00	
Walter Penley Lot	50.00	\$ 175.00
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	\$ 9,376.33
Liabilities over Assets	\$ 31,423.67

BILLS RECEIVABLE

Lincoln Scott	\$ 31.00
Alfred Marble	51.75
Wilma Tebbetts	6.00
Town of Livermore	164.05
Wm. Roy Dennis	15.00
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	\$ 267.80

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE B. OLDHAM
 LESLIE L. GORDON
 CLAYTON E. CHILD

Selectmen of Peru

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

PERU - 1953

It is an exceptional pleasure to be your public health nurse once more. Since I have not been back in the district for long, my report of necessity, will be short.

With the aid of the Mother's Club and Dr Hughes we have examined the school children and have offered immunizations against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and smallpox. We have had two Child Health Conferences and the last will be held early in January.

Early in the year your public health nurse will test all children's hearing from the 4th grade and above. Home visits will be made to assist parents in securing the correction of those with defective hearing.

The public health nurse continues to make visits to Communicable Diseases cases and their contacts; and to children with crippling diseases. These visits are made to help interpret to the family: the doctor's orders, to review clinic cases and to assist the family in following any recommendations made. She also visits infants and preschools to help mothers with diets, child training, and other problems of the young. She will demonstrate and teach any bedside care or treatment ordered by the family doctor.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, the Town Clerk, Superintendent of Schools, teachers and the Mother's Club for their continued interest in the health of West Peru.

Respectfully submitted

(Miss) HELEN ARNOLD, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand, Feb 2, 1953	\$8,025.65
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RECEIPTS

Withholding Tax, 1953	2,653.20
Withholding Tax, 1954	323.20
Employees Retirement, 1953	370.00
Tax Liens	1,178.59
Town Tax, 1953	78,921.04
Town Tax, 1952	962.06
Town Tax, 1951	85.12
Town Tax, 1950	10.50
Supplementary Tax, 1953	33.23
Supplementary Tax, 1952	6.00
Excise Tax, 1954	642.44
Excise Tax, 1953	4,159.35
Stella Wentworth, Bulldozer hire	5.00
Lawrence Casey, Bulldozer hire	24.00
Carmelo J. Puia, Bulldozer hire	32.50
James Turner, Bulldozer hire	19.50
Osca Arnold, Tar	25.00
Roland Burgess, Cement	1.20
Philip Hebb, Jr U.S.N., Charity	1.00
Town of Hartford, Surveying	45.00
Town of Hartford, Labor	40.00
Ira Gammon, Town Property	100.00
Bernard Thurston, Town Property	100.00
Walter Byron, Town Property	50.00
Kennard Stevens, Loam	1.00
Ernest Moore, Loam	10.00
Maurice Oldham, Wood	7.50
Joseph Arnold, Insurance refund	24.28
Wm. Conant, Lot at East Peru Cemetery	15.00
Rumford Bank & Trust, Cemetery Funds	59.89
Rumford Bank & Trust, Loan	15,000.00
Peru School Dept., Tar	348.21
Central Petroleum, Overpaid	44.20
Robert DeHart, Fire Truck	50.00
Wm. Austin, Fire Extinguishers	10.00
Diamond Match Co., Victualers License	1.00
Jennie Murray, Victualers License	1.00
Rockemeka Grange, Supplies	5.00
Town of Peru, Transfer of School Funds	906.53

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Peru Mothers Club, Flag for School	10.00
Peru School Grade 8, Maine State Flag	57.25
Received from Treasurer of State;	
Bulldozer Hire	95.00
Truck Hire	88.48
Highway Account	2,069.25
Snow Removal	537.30
Educational Subsidies	6,876.95
Dog License Refund	25.91
Bank Stock Tax	111.01
Reimbursement on Accounts;	
United State Treasurer, John Homick Estate	99.30
Lester Hall, Alton Burgess Estate	6.00
Walter Hodge, Sr., Alton Burgess Estate	55.00
Leslie Gordon, Alton Burgess Estate	.50
Clayton Child, Alton Burgess Estate	.75
Selma Farrar, Alton Burgess Estate	.50
Peter Dragoon, Alton Burgess Estate	.50
Maurice Oldham, Alton Burgess Estate	3.50

124,334.39

EXPENDITURES

Warrants Paid	119,620.84
Balance on Hand	4,713.35

124,334.39

Respectfully submitted,

MARY S. VAUGHN,

Treasurer of Peru, Maine

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

A summary of transactions as recorded by the Town Clerk for the year is as follows:

Births	28
Marriages	22
Deaths	30

DOGS LICENSED

Males	76
Females	15
Spayed Females	31

Respectfully submitted,

MARY S. VAUGHN,

Clerk of Peru, Maine

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Total Commitment		\$ 82,728.21
Total Amount Collected	\$ 78,921.04	
Uncollected	3,521.55	
Abated	285.62	

\$ 82,728.21

DELINQUENT TAXES

Residents

Byron, Guy Jr.	\$ 3.00
Buotte, Peter & Yvonne	94.93
Brann, Ida	47.73
Brann, Loando	32.37
Brann, Isadore	26.56
Barnett, Harold	122.43
Boucher, Willie	78.85
Bowie, Earland	147.74
Chambers, Earl	66.40
Cormier, Henry	153.55
Delano, Roosevelt	35.37
Dennis, Wm. & Wilma	7.06
Demeritt, Clayton	9.13
Estes, Josephine	19.92
Gleason, Richard	27.90
Gammon, Warren	41.18
Gammon, Ira	145.25
Gates, Roger	23.90
Gerrish, Leland	34.03
Garneau, Elmer J.	8.30
Haynes, Eula	72.63
Hall, Leonard & Myrtle, Walker Richard & Rachel	207.50
Hunt, Ezra	178.45
Hanson, Norman	9.23
Kilbreth, Aubrey	86.84
Linnell, Rodney	215.80
LeBlanc, Celeste	62.25
LaCroix, Maurice	69.31
LeBlanc, Euclide	19.61
LeBlanc, Alyre	3.00
Marena, John & Sussanna	176.79
McGuire, Lloyd	10.38

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O'Halloran, Chas.	10.06
Packard, Harold Jr.	27.81
Pelletier, Lottie	118.28
Porter, Arthur Jr.	49.80
Robinson, Lucius Jr.	4.98
Rogers, Calvin & Glendora	4.98
Staples, Harry Heirs of	37.35
Shurtleff, Edmond Jr.	6.23
Taylor, Chester	29.05
Vaughn, Alvin	34.03
Voter, Colin	107.58
Walker, Richard	17.94

Non-Residents

Brown, Marcian	31.13
Chambers, George Jr.	26.98
Desrosiers, Amy L.	33.20
Dean, Walter Heirs of	243.19
Durland, John & Annie	41.50
Dufault, Jack	29.05
Foggs, Elmer	8.30
Grovers Ice Cream	10.38
Garneau, Julia	31.13
Gallant, Phyllis & Edward	47.73
Harvey, David Heirs of	4.15
Hamner, Robert & Eva	6.23
Hill, Chas. & Richard	13.49
Hill, Chas. Jr.	72.63
Jordan, Malcolm & Clifford	73.05
Jobin, Leonce	49.80
Letteney, Paul L.	16.60
McIntire, Leon	12.45
Richmond, Dana	8.30
Ryder, Paul & Edith	53.95
Stalmuke, Constantine & Felix	22.83

\$ 3,521.55

ABATEMENTS

Brown, Ralph	\$ 3.00
Heath, Clair	7.98
Jackson, Lindley	3.00
Timberlake, Norman	3.00
Campbell, Lena	8.30

Dyke, William	3.00
Bowie, Ivan	3.00
Baker, Merchant	2.08
Bouffard, John	16.60
Tutlis, Chas.	3.00
Child, Erwin	16.60
Easter, Robert	4.15
Morrill, J. C.	3.00
Casper, Walter	4.15
Esty, Clayton	3.00
Dolloff, Richard	3.00
Raymond, Phyllis	58.10
Raymond, Rene	12.13
Marena, John	3.00
Wentzell, Ray	30.09
Penley, Walter	4.15
Consolidated Mines	12.45
London, Charles	24.90
Gill, Glenroy Heirs of	14.52
Wentzell, Ray	39.42

\$ 285.62

SUPPLEMENTARY

Mayconnell, Walter	\$ 6.23
Hall, Conrad	3.00
Emery, Berton	3.00
Howard, William	3.00
Pineault, Theodore	3.00
Tibbetts, James	3.00
Errington, Walter	3.00
Pettegrow, George	3.00
Daigle, Joseph	3.00
Yates, Alton	3.00

\$ 33.23

AUDITOR'S REPORT

FEBRUARY 2, 1952 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1953

COMMENTS

An audit of the books and records of the Town of Peru has been completed for the municipal year ended February 1, 1953. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Treasurer.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The result of the year's operations revealed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$429.40. Overdrafts were noted in various appropriation accounts, (Exhibit D). Overdraft and unexpended balances are summarized as follows:

Unexpended Balances	\$7,368.40
Overdrafts	6,939.00
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Net Unexpended Balances	\$ 429.40
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The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES

An analysis of a comparative statement of available funds and expenditures disclosed that for the 1953 municipal year, available funds increased by \$12,068.03, as compared with those of the preceding year. Expenditures for the same period increased by \$18,655.46. The principal accounts reflecting the expenditure increase are summarized as follows:

Protection	\$8,364.44
Equipment	2,627.31
Education	5,356.73
Municipal Indebtedness	7,103.90
State Tax	(8,304.32)
Other Accounts (net)	3,507.40
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Net Increase	\$18,655.46

The increase in expenditures was financed principally by revenue applicable to appropriation carrying balances.

RESERVES AND SURPLUS

From the examination of the departmental accounts it was determined that the net unexpended balances carried forward to the ensuing year totaled \$983.09, (Exhibit D).

At the year end the unappropriated surplus amounted to \$4,954.06 or a decrease of \$155.79 as compared with the preceeding year. This change was occasioned principally by the transfer of \$545.19 from surplus, less the excess of available funds over expenditures of \$429.40.

DEBT FUND

The debt fund, incorporated in the balance sheet as a separate fund, reflects the outstanding West Peru school construction notes of the town totaling \$46,800.00 which mature \$6,000.00 annually.

TRUST FUNDS

From the examination of funds held in trust by the town, it was ascertained that fund principals totaling \$3,844.94 and unexpended income of \$63.94 were represented by time deposits of \$3,335.88 in the Rumford Falls Trust Company and the Portland Savings Bank, and an amount of \$573.00 due from the general fund. The amount due from the general fund represents the ministerial and school fund which was used by the town in prior years. Interest at 6% was appropriated and transferred to the school account in the current year.

GENERAL

From the examination of the town clerk's records it was ascertained that authority was granted to transfer the excise tax monies to the miscellaneous account. Also, the establishment of a dry hydrant account by a surplus transfer of \$395.19 was authorized by a vote of the townspeople.

The schoolyard lot expenditure of \$150.00 was financed by a transfer from unappropriated surplus authorized by the Selectmen.

At a special Town meeting held November 3, 1951, it was voted, that the Town raise and appropriate an amount up to \$51,926.00 to build the proposed addition to the West Peru School. Following is a summary of the transactions in connection with this project:

Notes Issued:	
1951/52 Year	\$30,000.00
1952/53 Year	22,800.00
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Total Available	\$52,800.00
Expenditures:	
1951/52 Year	25,534.88
1951/53 Year	26,358.59
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Total Expenditures	51,893.47
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Balance - February 1, 1953	\$ 906.53

The accounting system can be strengthened by the use of prenumbered triplicate receipts by the tax collector, also, vendors' original invoices substantiating expenditures of town funds should be in the office of the selectmen.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Count of cash was made and records were checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Available funds and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were utilized to determine the correctness of notes payable, tax and tax lien accounts. Trust fund transactions were reviewed and the time deposits representing the investments of the funds were examined. Insurance and bond coverages were examined and listed. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the collector.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the town at February 1, 1953, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

TOWN OF PERU
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS AND EXPENDITURES
YEARS ENDED FEBRUARY 1,

EXHIBIT B

REVENUES:	1953	1952	1951
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes	\$73,546.04	\$81,309.20	\$62,642.70
Supplemental Taxes	420.57	113.34	78.15
Excise Taxes	4,048.54	3,965.60	4,595.51
State of Maine	8,594.29	10,237.48	10,398.72
Licenses	2.00	4.00	2.00
Donations			51.13
Equipment Rental	60.00	170.15	77.76
Sale of Tar, Gravel and Culverts	59.70	130.06	
Charity Reimbursements	195.94	681.72	418.12
Sale of Cemetery Lots	30.00		10.00
Trust Fund Income		25.98	60.68
Refunds and Reimbursements	56.91	369.86	67.65
Tax Lien Costs and Interest	229.64	88.64	34.64
Tuition	34.00	38.00	148.00
Sale of Equipment	80.00		283.39
Gain — Tax Liens	35.75		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$87,393.38	\$97,134.03	\$78,868.45
ADD:			
Deferred Revenue — Excise Tax	438.67	550.86	
Transfer from Surplus	545.19		
Carrying Balances Expended	14,567.84		
	\$102,945.08	\$97,684.89	\$78,868.45

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DEDUCT: Revenue Applicable to Appropriation Carrying Balances

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS

EXPENDITURES:

General Government	6,932.20
Protection	10,379.02
Health and Sanitation	697.19
Highways and Bridges	20,836.70
Equipment	8,133.61
Charities	2,896.77
Education	39,427.57
Cemeteries	429.57
Municipal Indebtedness	7,103.90
Special Assessment	3,799.11
Unclassified	1,880.35

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$102,515.68

6,807.84

\$102,945.03

\$90,877.05

468.98

\$78,399.47

5,612.71
1,696.69
250.93
33,435.39
3,726.74
28,961.15
131.50
11,194.80
265.82

\$85,275.73

\$83,860.22

EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS OVER EXPENDITURES

\$ 429.40

\$ 7,016.83

EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER AVAILABLE FUNDS

\$ 6,876.26

TOWN OF		
COMPARATIVE		
	February 1, 1953	February 1, 1952
GENERAL		
ASSETS		
Cash In Bank	\$ 8,025.65	\$16,539.13
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1)	45.82	493.62
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-2)	2,993.28	4,468.97
Tax Liens (Schedule A-3)	300.20	195.20
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-4)	85.88	51.38
Total General Fund	<u>\$11,450.83</u>	<u>\$21,748.30</u>

DEBT		
ASSETS		
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Revenue	\$46,800.00	\$30,000.00
TRUST AND		
ASSETS		
Trust Funds:		
Time Deposits (Sch. A-9)	\$3,335.88	\$3,058.06
Due from General Fund (Sch. A-9)	573.00	573.00
Total Trust Funds	<u>\$3,908.88</u>	<u>\$ 3,631.06</u>
Special Fund:		
Demand Deposit (Exhibit H)	906.53	4,465.12
Total - Trust and Special Funds	<u>\$ 4,815.41</u>	<u>\$8,096.18</u>

PERU**EXHIBIT A****BALANCE SHEET**

February 1, 1953

February 1, 1952

FUND**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$ 84.60	\$ 65.50
Due Governmental Agencies (Sch A-6)	72.55	50.35
Notes Payable (Schedule A-7)	4,000.00	
Due Trust Funds (Schedule A-9)	573.00	573.00

Total Liabilities

4,730.15

688.85

Deferred Revenue -

Excise Taxes

783.53

438.67

RESERVEAuthorized Expendi-
tures (Exhibit D)

983.09

15,550.93

SURPLUS

Unappropriated

(Exhibit C)

4,954.06

5,069.85

Total - General

 \$11,450.83

 \$21,748.30

Fund

FUND**LIABILITIES**

Notes Payable

(Schedule A-8)

 \$46,800.00

 \$30,000.00
SPECIAL FUNDS**LIABILITIES**

Trust Funds:

Principals

(Schedule A-9)

\$3,844.94

\$3,594.94

Unexpended

Income (Sch. A-9)

63.94

36.12

Total Trust

Funds

\$ 3,908.88

\$ 3,631.06

Special Fund:

Peru Grammar

School Constr.

906.53

4,465.12

Total - Trust and

Special Funds

\$ 4,815.41

\$8,096.18

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Peru:

I hereby submit my first annual report of the Peru Schools:

When school opened in September we had two additional members on our teaching staff, Carolyn Baker and Etta Walker. The election of these two additional teachers brings our full time teaching staff to eight. Donald Nichols is continuing to ably fill the position of Music Supervisor. We are able to have higher educational achievement with the enlarged teaching staff as more individual attention can be given.

Statistics relative to teachers, enrollment and attendance follow:

TEACHERS

	Teacher	Terms in	
		Present Position	Annual Salary
Principal and Grade 8	Evelyn Russell	52	\$2400.00
Grade 7	Janice Starbird	39	\$2100.00
Grade 6	Carolyn Baker	1	\$2000.00
Grade 5	Ida Fraser	9	\$2100.00
Grades 3 & 4	Etta Walker	1	\$2100.00
Grade 2	Aileen Sherwood	18	\$2100.00
Grade 1	Suzanne Fournier	3	\$2100.00
Sub-Primary	Agnes York	3	\$2100.00

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment by grades for the Fall Term, 1952											
Grade	S.	P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
No. of Pupils	27	23	17	16	12	18	27	15	15		170

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

The total number registered at various high schools for the Fall term beginning September 1953 was fifty-three. Of these enrolled, five have dropped out during the term, leaving forty-eight.

The following were enrolled in various high schools for the fall term, 1953:

Mexico H. S. — Warren Oldham.

Dixfield H. S. — Norma McGuire, Joyce McGuire, Lois McGuire, Clifford Walker, David Horne, Robert Child, Gerald Gordon, Frank Porter, Robert Priest, Nancy Hunt, Carol Child, Elaine Knox, Willis McGuire, Joanne McGuire, William Priest, Jacqueline Walker.

Canton H. S. — Darla Tibbetts, Florence Bryant.

Buckfield H. S. — Wilbur Knox.

Stephens H. S., Rumford — Carol Donahue, Ruby Palmer, Joanne Donahue, Shirley Ring, Cynthia Narusis, Robert Dolloff, George Stevens, James Dragoon, Ethel Worthley, Richard Austin, Ernest Gerrish, Evangeline Brackett, Olga Kushner, Melvin Bowie, Shirley Bowie, Joyce Irish, Faye Vaughn, Carol London, Carole Goodwin, Jean Kidder, Albert Tibbetts, Faye Goodwin, Lucius Robinson, Barbara Demeritt, Gerald Kingsbury, Gerard Boucher, Antoinette London, Eugenie London, Sandra Demeritt, Diane Narusis, Brenda Brown, Betty Priest, Nancy Hunt.

ATTENDANCE — SCHOOL YEAR 1952-1953

Grade	No. of Pupils	Average Yearly Attendance
8	19	18.55
7	20	17.80
6	16	13.89
5	26	24.37
3 & 4	32	27.98
2	19	15.91
1	21	18.35
S. P.	28	21.58
	<hr/> 181	<hr/> 158.43

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Grade 8 — Richard Austin, Faye Goodwin, Elaine Knox, Dianne Narusis, Betty Priest, William Priest, Lucius Robinson.

Grade 7 — Jacqueline Comeau, Jean Gill, Alice Kilbreth, Joanne Packard.

Grade 6 — Eugene Knox.

Grade 5 — Gloria Priest.

Grade 4 — Mark Palmer.

Grade 3 — Eleanor Robinson, Janet Scott, David Wooley.

Grade 2 — Linda Young.

Grade 1 — Richard Comeau, Thomas Gurney.

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

We are closing the repairs and equipment account this year with an overdraft of \$62.36. The money was expended for new desks, painting and tarring around the school building.

This year we are asking for an increase of \$1100 in this account. We are recommending that the School Building be painted, apply another coat of tar around the building, remove the fence in the yard and repair that portion of the fence along one side of the playground, repair the front walk, repair the roof, add coat rods in some classrooms, repair the entrance way at the front door, and improve the stage in the assembly hall.

BUDGET

The budget for 1954 as prepared by the Superintending School Committee shows an increase of \$4726.63 over the 1953 budget.

The major items of increase occur in the Common Schools and High School Tuition. The new salary schedule adopted by the last State of Maine Legislature which set up minimums for teachers in the State of Maine, takes effect next fall. The High School tuitions will increase again this year.

Another major item is in the Repair and Equipment account which is explained in the previous section.

The following budget is recommended by the School Committee and offered for your consideration.

Common Schools	\$ 23,148.34
High School Tuition	15,000.00
Books and Supplies	900.00
Repairs and Equipment	2,000.00
Superintendent	747.50
Office Expense	150.00
Dental Project	100.00
Insurance	200.00
Int. on School Fund	34.38
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	\$ 42,280.22

The additional teachers added this year has certainly helped in giving your youngsters more individual attention. With the additional increase in enrollment each year, it will be necessary to maintain our present staff. Former Supt Bruce J Kinney wishes to express as I do, sincere thanks for constant help rendered by the School Committee, Town Officers and Citizens

of Peru. This support and cooperation makes the work of the Superintendent very enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,
WOODROW A. MERCIER,
Supt. of Schools

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To Whom it may Concern:-

I entered the Peru school system as music supervisor in the fall of the year 1952 and was reelected for the school year 1953-1954. The music program this year has and will follow along the same plan as stated last. The program includes the basic studies of tone matching, scale indication, ear training or songs for listening, notation at the proper grade levels, and pulse beat indications of 4/4, 3/4, 6/8 and 2/2 time signatures. Many rote songs are taught at the lower grade levels, while concentration of note reading and theory is introduced at grades five through the eighth. Some written work is required to insure understanding of notation.

Every class this year has been voice tested and the students of all grades are placed in three choirs as choir one, two and three. Each class develops a chorus of three choirs and a repertoire of songs. The general chorus is selected from choir one of grades 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th. This chorus meets every Thursday for a full period.

Instrumental Program: Usually a music survey is first made to establish future talent for future band or orchestra. This year it was not necessary because the band is already set up to a practice schedule. The Band and Orchestra meet once a week- Thursday at ten o'clock p.m. Individual class lessons are given in the instrumental study of the trumpet, saxophone, drums, clarinet, trombone, violin, as well as classes of the banjo and Hawaiian and Spanish guitar, and the accordian.

These classes meet each Thursday for one half hour each. The band and orchestra members participate in half hour lessons of instruction as well as those who are just beginning in the instrumental field. The advanced members of the band and orchestral group will meet with a larger school union band which meets every Monday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Dixfield Grammar School. Members of the Carthage and Weld band groups also meet here at this time.

This year the chorus and the band groups have increased their repertoires. The band group has two folios which it has

used to full extent. We hope that we may be able to add to our musical background with the purchase of new band materials this year.

The band has made one or two appearances this year, mostly for the Masonic and teacher groups. We hope to further these activities this spring.

I wish to thank the superintendent, teachers and others who are helping to make the school music program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. NICHOLS
Music Supervisor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1953

COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts	
Appropriation	\$ 20,381.86
Interest on School Fund	34.38
Transferred from State Fund	4,966.98
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	\$ 25,383.22
Expenditures	
Teachers' Salaries	\$ 15,564.50
Janitor and Cleaning	1,052.26
Conveyance	5,809.00
Fuel	1,742.75
Prof. Credits	150.00
Misc.	10.00
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	\$ 24,328.51
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Balance	\$ 1,054.71

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Receipts	
Appropriation	\$ 13,600.00
Transferred from State Fund	144.93
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	\$ 13,744.93
Expenditures	
Gould Academy	\$ 165.14

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Town of Canton	663.36	
Town of Dixfield	2,810.74	
Town of Mexico	461.25	
Town of Rumford	9,490.94	
Town of Buckfield	153.50	
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		\$ 13,744.93

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$ 900.00	
Transferred from State Fund	1,512.93	
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		\$ 2,412.93
Expended		\$ 2,412.93

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

Appropriation	\$ 900.00	
Grange for Dust Bane	5.00	
Mothers' Club	10.00	
Grade 8 - For State of Maine Flag	57.25	
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		\$ 972.25
Expended		1,034.61
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Overdraft		\$ 62.36

SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation	\$ 736.00	
Transferred from State Fund	31.77	
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		\$ 767.77
Expended		\$ 767.77

OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation	\$ 150.00	
Expended	121.35	
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Balance		\$ 28.65

SKATING RINK

Balance 1952	\$ 125.00	
Appropriation	250.00	
Sales	11.00	
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		\$ 386.00
Expended		\$ 314.53
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Balance		\$ 71.47

SCHOOL ADDITION FUND

Trans. from West Peru School Addition	\$	906.53
Expended	\$	906.53

DENTAL PROJECT

Appropriation	\$	110.00
Expended		80.00

Balance	\$	30.00
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INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$	741.35
Trans. from State Fund		70.34

Expended	\$	811.69
	\$	811.69

STATE SUBSIDY

State Fund	\$	6,726.95
Transferred to:		

Common Schools	\$	4,966.98
High School Tuition		144.93
Books and Supplies		1,512.93
Superintendence		31.77
Insurance		70.34

\$ 6,726.95

RECAPITULATION

	Receipts	Expendi- tures	Bal.	Over- draft
Common Schools	\$25,383.22	\$24,328.51	\$1,054.71	
High School Tuition	13,744.93	13,744.93		
Books & Supplies	2,412.93	2,412.93		
Repairs & Equipment	972.25	1,034.61		\$ 62.36
Superintendence	767.77	767.77		
Office Expense	150.00	121.35	28.65	
Skating Rink	386.00	314.53	71.47	
School Addition Fund	906.53	906.53		
Dental Project	110.00	80.00	30.00	
Insurance	811.69	811.69		
	\$45,645.32	\$44,522.85	\$1,184.83	\$ 62.36
Total Unexpended		1,122.47		1,122.47
	\$45,645.32	\$45,645.32	\$1,184.83	\$1,184.83

PROGRESS REPORT ON MOUTH HEALTH PROJECT

Peru - September, 1953

To the Town of Peru:

Another project in mouth health has recently been completed for the children of Peru. This was financed by your appropriation and carried out by a dental hygienist from the Division of Dental Health with assistance from the Peru Mothers' Club.

As has been done in the past, sodium fluoride applications were offered to the pupils in the second, fifth, and eighth grades. These groups were selected because they contain the majority of children who are cutting new teeth and sodium fluoride applications are more effective when made upon newly erupted teeth.

The sodium fluoride applications consisted of a thorough examination of the mouth and teeth made with mouth mirror and dental explorer; a professional cleaning and 4 applications of the mild sodium fluoride solution spaced from 1 to 7 days apart. At the time of the examination, individual instructions in correct tooth-brushing was given and attention was called to any particular aspect of the patient's mouth which appeared to need more complete care for better mouth health.

Lessons concerning dental health were taught in the sub-primary and grades that did not receive the sodium fluoride applications.

The sub-primary also received mouth examinations to arouse their interest and reports were sent home to the parents informing them of the condition of their child's teeth.

A total of 74 children were seen and examined. Of these 49 children started the series of sodium fluoride applications with 48 completing the series. Of 74 children seen, 51 were considered to have clean mouths. However, 24 of the clean mouths were found in the sub-primary grade, showing that it is the older children who need better and more care. Upon inquiry 14 children said that they saw their dentist regularly, and 31 said they went to the dentist occasionally. There were 10 children with no decay present at the time of examination. These also were in the lower grades. Two children had all decay corrected, and four had all decay corrected in their permanent teeth. This indicates that there is still need for more dental care for the Peru children.

As you well know, sodium fluoride applications are only part of the care needed. They neither prevent all decay nor

repair teeth that are already decayed. For that reason, home care, dental care, and well-balanced meals with minimum of sweets are also necessary for good mouth health.

The Town of Peru is to be commended for their up-to-date progressive school. The modern trend is not to sell sweets in schools. Many towns are now replacing their "coke" machines with apple dispensing machines. I am sure that the town of Peru, with the health of their children in mind, will give some serious thought to this idea.

At this time I wish to thank all those who helped to make my work in Peru so enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN NILES

Dental Hygienist

State of Maine County of Oxford, ss
To Mary S. Vaughn, a Constable of the Town of Peru in the
County of Oxford, Greetings:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the several Town Officers.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to elect one or more Road Commissioners.

Art. 6. To choose all necessary Town Officers, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, Treasurer, Sexton, Superintending School Committee, Constables and Fire Chief.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

		Budget	Com.	Rec.
(a) Maintenance and Support of Schools			\$	42,280.22
1953 Total Appropriation	\$37,553.59			
Common Schools				
1953 App.	\$20,381.36			
1954 App.		Recommended	\$	23,148.34
High School Tuition				
1953 App.	\$13,600.00			
1954 App.		Recommended	\$	15,000.00
Books and Supplies				
1953 App.	\$900.00			
1954 App.		Recommended	\$	900.00

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Repairs and Equipment			
1953 App.	\$900.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 2,000.00
Superintendence			
1953 App.	\$736.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 747.50
Office Expense			
1953 App.	\$150.00		
1954 App. ...		Recommended	\$ 150.00
Dental Project			
1953 App.	\$110.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 100.00
Insurance			
1953 App.	\$741.35		
1954 App. ...		Recommended	\$ 200.00
Interest on School Fund			
1953 App.	\$34.38		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 34.38
(b) Poor Maintenance			
1953 App.	\$3,000.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 3,000.00
(c) Repairs & Maintenance of Summer Roads & Bridges			
1953 App.	\$5,500.00		
1954 App. ...		Recommended	\$ 5,000.00
(d) Town Officers			
1953 App.	\$4,000.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 3,500.00
(e) Miscellaneous			
1953 Excise Tax			
1954 App.		Recommended	
Excise Tax to be used for Misc. Expenses.			
(f) Memorial Day			
1953 App.	\$50.00		
1954 App. ...		Recommended	\$ 50.00
(g) Street Lights			
1953 App.	\$800.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 800.00
(h) Town Cemeteries			
1953 App.	\$200.00		
1954 App.		Recommended	\$ 200.00
(i) To defray all other necessary Town Charges			
1953 App.	None		
1954 App.		Recommended	None

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Peru. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health & Welfare, for local service.

1953 App. \$100.00	
1954 App.	Recommended \$ 100.00

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,464.00 for State Aid Construction and Tarring in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of Highways and Bridges under Provisions 25 & 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes 1949 as amended.

1953 App. \$1,464.00	
1954 App. ...	Recommended \$ 1,464.00

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of improved town roads and tar surface treatment for same.

1953 App. \$2,000.00	
1954 App.	Recommended \$ 2,500.00

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal.

1953 App. \$5,500.00	
1954 App.	Recommended \$ 5,500.00

\$500.00 for new Snow Fence.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for new construction on the West Side of Worthley Pond, to be of same construction and width as previously built.

1953 App. \$4,500.00	
1954 App.	Recommended \$ 3,000.00

To complete and tar.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to tar the road from Delano Hill to Cleston Knox.

Recommended \$ 1,000.00

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to hold the unexpanded balance of 1953 for the Town Owned Buildings, Repair and Maintenance.

1953 App. \$700.00	
1954 App.	Recommended

To hold the unexpended Balance

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,612.00 to replace the Dickvale Bridge.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be donated to the Rumford Community Hospital.

1953 App. \$400.00

1954 App.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to hold the unexpended balance of 1953 for the Maintenance of the Fire Department.

Budget Com. recommends holding the unexpended balance.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Fire Department.

1953 App. \$800.00

1954 App.

Recommended \$ 400.00

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a new building to house the small tractor and fire pumper, same to be located at Worthley Pond near the winter stockpile.

1954 App.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the West Peru and Worthley Pond Dumps.

1953 App. \$300.00

1954 App.

Recommended \$ 400.00

Art. 21. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to sell and convey by Quit Claim Deed any or all property acquired by tax liens.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay on the School Loan.

1953 App. \$7,100.00

1954 App.

Recommended \$ 7,000.00

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 to be used with the unexpended balance of

1953 for Dry Hydrants.

1953 App. \$300.00

1954 App. Recommended

The Budget Com. recommends to hold the unexpended balance and appropriate \$200 from the General Fund.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to transact the Town's business from Feb. 1, 1955 to the Annual Town Meeting.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chap. 32 Sec. 54.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to carry Social Security on its Town Employees.

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Security purposes.

Budget Com. recommends money to be taken from the Miscellaneous Account.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from the Jerry Haley turn to the Four Corners, so-called.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from the Herman Robinson place to the former Alfred Hammond place, so-called.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from the Cleston Knox place to the top of the hill where High Street and Chicken Street join.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road from the Barnett place on Chicken Street to the end of the Town Road.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate to pay the Town Fire Warden.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote

to raise and appropriate for the road from Kushner's to Marena's.

Budget Com. recommends raising \$1,000.00

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Trust Funds of Josephine Delano \$500.00 and Ona L. Merrill \$200.00 only the income from same to be used.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the skating rink.

Budget Com. made no recommendation.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to hold the Unexpended balance on the War Memorial for care of same.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay Town charges and debts in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the Town for all money so borrowed to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceeding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1954 by the taxes.

Art. 39. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall in Peru at 9 o'clock in the forenoon the sixth day of March A. D. 1954 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this sixth day of February, A. D. 1954.

MAURICE B. OLDHAM

LESLIE L. GORDON

CLAYTON E. CHILD

Selectmen of Peru

Annual Report

Town of
PERU
MAINE



For the Year Ending February 1

1955

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Municipal Officers

of the

TOWN of PERU
MAINE



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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

LESLIE IRISH

Town Clerk and Treasurer

MARY S. VAUGHN

*Selectmen, Assessors, Fence Viewers and
Overseers of the Poor*

MAURICE B. OLDHAM

LESLIE L. GORDON

CLAYTON E. CHILD

Collector of Taxes

MARY S. VAUGHN

Constables

HARRY P. HANNON

MARY S. VAUGHN

PETER DRAGOON

J. BRYANT OLDHAM

Road Commissioner

GEORGE BYRON

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

ISAAC A. SEARLES

Superintending School Committee

FRANK NORRIS

GERALDINE DONAHUE

DONALD PERKINS

Superintendent of Schools

WOODROW A. MERCIER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

COLA YORK

Fire Chief and Fire Ward

WILLIAM B. AUSTIN

Health Officer and Attendance Officer

JOHN GERRISH

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS

Assessor's Report

Real Estate, Resident	\$320,220.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	382,780.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$703,000.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$67,405.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	280,152.00	
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Total Personal Property		\$347,557.00
Grand Total		\$1,050,557.00
Value of Land	\$197,635.00	
Value of Buildings	\$505,365.00	
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		\$703,000.00

Taxable Livestock and Poultry

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	37	\$42.00	\$1,670.00
Steers, Oxen, Bulls	13	32.00	420.00
Cows	124	41.00	5,165.00
Heifers, over 2 yrs.	60	32.00	1,970.00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.	23	29.00	680.00
Domestic Fowl (over 50)	150	.50	75.00
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Total Livestock and Poultry			\$9,980.00

Exempt Livestock and Poultry

Sheep	23	\$10.00	\$ 230.00
Swine	9		90.00
Domestic Fowl (to no. of 50)	778		389.00
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			\$709.00

All Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade	\$ 9,550.00
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Unmanufactured Material		
in Mills	60,095.00	
Logs	69,450.00	
Fuel Wood	257.00	
Boats, 45	1,875.00	
Gasoline Pumps, 16	1,530.00	
Musical Instruments	385.00	
Televisions	12,270.00	
Furniture	27,885.00	
Finished Product in Mills	142,695.00	
Tractors	3,600.00	
Machinery & Equipment	1,000.00	
Other Property	6,535.00	
Amount taxable livestock		
& Poultry	9,980.00	
Trailer	450.00	
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Total		\$ 347,557.00

Industrial and Utility

Railroad Property	\$ 3,000.00	
Light & Power	15,800.00	
Diamond Match	262,497.00	
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		\$ 281,297.00

Tax Exempt Property

Property exempt by vote		
of Town	\$ 2,225.00	
Town Property not used		
for Municipal purposes	250.00	
Property of Veterans	12,485.00	
Property of Blind	1,825.00	
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		\$ 16,785.00

Amount of Taxes Assessed on Real		
& Personal for Current Year	\$ 90,345.81	
Amount Assessed on Polls	852.00	

\$ 91,197.81

Number of Polls Taxed	284
Number of Polls Not Taxed	48
Poll Tax	3.00
Rate of Taxation	.086

COMMITMENT

Appropriated and Assessed

Support of Schools	\$ 42,280.22	
Poor Maintenance	3,000.00	
Summer Roads	5,000.00	
Town Officers	3,500.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Street Lights	800.00	
Town Cemeteries	200.00	
Health Nurse	100.00	
State Aid	1,464.00	
Improved Town Roads		
& Tar Surface	2,500.00	
Snow Removal	5,500.00	
Worthley Pond Road	3,000.00	
Delano Hill	1,000.00	
Dickvale Bridge	6,612.00	
Donation to Hospital	400.00	
Fire Dept.	400.00	
Town Dumps	400.00	
School Loan	7,000.00	
Fire Warden	50.00	
Kushner & Marena Road	1,000.00	
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Appropriated		\$ 84,256.22

Appropriated and Assessed

Voted for Town Expenses	\$84,256.22	
County Tax	4,544.25	
Overlay	2,397.34	
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		\$ 91,197.81

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated:	\$	3,500.00
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Paid:

Maurice B. Oldham	\$	744.00
Leslie Gordon		542.00
Clayton Child		575.00
Mary S. Vaughn		1,500.00
John Gerrish		96.50
Leslie Irish		10.00
Frank Norris		60.00
Geraldine Donahue		60.00
Donald Perkins		60.00
J. Bryant Oldham		24.20
John Eberhart		8.00
Percy Child		8.00
Sadie Irish		8.00
Mabelle Robinson		8.00
	\$	3,695.70

Overdrawn	\$	203.70
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Screen Maintenance

Unappropriated Surpluses	\$	101.50
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Paid:

J. Bryant Oldham, Labor	\$	56.50

Unexpended	\$	45.00

Memorial Day

Appropriated:	\$	50.00
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Paid:

Swasey-Torrey Post	\$	29.95
John Buczynski		5.00
Robert Haynes		37.95

Unexpended	\$	12.05

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

A summary of transactions as recorded by the Town Clerk for the year is as follows:

Births	37
Marriages	13
Deaths	28
Dogs Licensed	
Males	88
Females	15
Spayed Females	39

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S. Vaughn
Clerk of Peru

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Feb. 2, 1954	\$	4,713.55
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Receipts

Withholding Tax, 1954	2,934.20
Withholding Tax, 1955	302.20
Social Security	205.88
Tax Liens, 1952	246.21
Tax Liens, 1953	1,069.05
Town Tax, 1952	5.70
Town Tax, 1953	1,527.59
Supplementary Tax, 1953	15.00
Town Tax, 1954	86,769.99
Supplementary Tax, 1954	54.90
Excise Tax, 1954	4,142.24
Excise Tax, 1955	650.41
C. H. Robinson, Alton Burgess Estate	.75
Stella Wiken, Alton Burgess Estate	3.00
Phyllis Raymond, Loan	98.22
Town of Livermore, Delano Account	164.05
Walter Casper, Casper Account	19.37
Town of Hartford, Surveying Town Line	36.00

Jerry Haley, Culvert	36.05
Chanel Cormier, Snow Removal	5.00
John Eberhart, Loam	1.00
Corey's Express, Overpayment	1.15
Emma West	39.00
Rumford Bank & Trust Co., Loan	15,000.00
Rumford Bank & Trust Co., Trust Funds Interest	55.49
Portland Savings Bank Trust Funds Interest	72.54
Diamond Match Co., Victualer's License	1.00
Jennie Murray, Victualer's License	1.00
J. A. Arnold, Refund on Insurance	82.65
J. A. Arnold, Water Damage, School	183.14
J. A. Arnold, Water Damage, School	171.86
Lovina Irish, Cemetery Lot at East Peru	20.00
William Dennis Cemetery Lot at East Peru	15.00
Philip Hebb, Jr. & Geo. Stevens, Charities	1.50
Towle's Hardware, Dry Hydrants Account	2.25
Peru School Dept., Tar	278.00
Peru School Dept. Accrued Salaries	1,662.00
William Austin, Transportation Refund	1.63
Returned Checks for overpayment	96.64

Received from Treasurer of State:

Snow Removal	\$ 865.75
Bear Bounty	15.00
Professional Credits	50.00
State Aid	195.40
Bank Stock Tax	104.71
Town Road Improvement	2,504.44
State Aid Highway	2,093.52
Educational Subsidies	7,575.86
Dog License Refund	48.46
Wilfred Woods Account	87.21
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	\$ 184,225.56

Expenditures

Warrants Paid	\$ 129,383.23
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Balance on hand	4,842.33	
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		\$ 134,225.56

Respectfully submitted,

Mary S Vaughn
Treasurer of Peru.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

Total Commitment		\$ 91,197.81
Total Amount Collected	\$ 86,769.99	
Uncollected	4,183.33	
Abated	244.49	
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		\$ 91,197.81

DELINQUENT TAXES

Residents

Albert, John	\$ 25.80
Buotte, Peter & Yvonne	155.66
Brann, Isadore	54.18
Brown, Roger	90.50
Bowie, Earland	159.96
Brann, Kenneth	15.05
Byron, Earl	10.75
Buotte, James	15.90
Chambers, Earl	68.80
Chaisson, Luke	3.00
Delano, Roosevelt & Mildred	16.76
Dennis, William & Wilma	12.90
Dupont, Real	7.31
Daigle, Joseph	21.50
Eastman, Arthur	36.11
Gammon, Warren	94.48
Gammon, Ira	47.30
Gill, Harold	68.25
Gerrish, Leland	13.96

Gurney, Dwight	16.76
Gill, Ernest	89.00
Garneau, E. John	10.75
Howard, Earl	137.60
Hunt, Ezra	196.51
Hanson, Clinton	72.66
Hanson, Norman	10.31
Hebb, Philip	23.65
Kushner, Alex	78.69
Kushner, Stella	197.80
Lufkin, Emma	5.16
Lufkin, Charles	30.96
LaCroix, Maurice	91.16
LeFevre, Albert	45.15
LaPointe, Leo & Marie	38.70
Martin, Edmond	75.25
Mockus, Anthony	45.00
Miller, Glenroy	13.75
Marena, John & Susanna	191.35
McGuire, Lloyd	10.75
McKenna, Joseph	158.67
O'Halloran, Charles	10.31
Packard, Harold Jr.	39.56
Porter, Waldo	150.50
Priest, Marguerite	156.09
Porter, Waldo & Arthur, Heirs of	38.70
Powell, Richard Jr.	13.76
Pettegrew, Eric	3.00
Pingree, Ellsworth	3.00
Rogers, Calvin & Glendora	19.77
Robinson, Roscoe	3.00
Raymond, Rene	8.60
Raymond, Phyllis	58.05
Staples, Ralph	3.00
Shurtleff, Edmund Jr.	7.31
Tebbetts, Willma	83.20
Turner, Ellery	8.60
Vaughn, Alvin	37.41

Voter, Colin	122.11
Walker, Clementine	28.70
Wentzell, Ray & Miller, Paul	34.40
Worthley, Kenneth	3.00
Wentzell, Ray & Audrey	41.20

Non-Residents

Brown, Marcian	\$ 51.60
Chambers, George Jr.	30.10
Chambers, Ray & Dorothy	51.60
Dean, Walter Heirs of	240.80
Estes, Beatrice	64.50
Gaudett, Eli	34.40
Grover's Ice Cream	10.75
Garneau, Julia	38.70
Hawthorne, E. A & Carolyn	66.65
Harvey, David Heirs of	4.30
Hamner, Robert & Elva	8.60
Horne, Carl & Daisy	8.60
Jordan, Malcolm & Clifford	75.68
Letteney, Paul	17.20
Richmond, Dana	8.60
Razzano, Ernest	17.20
Scott, James	28.38
Stalmuke, Felix & Constantine	94.60

\$ 4,183.33

ABATEMENTS

Albert, Ruth H.	\$ 8.60
Arnold Bros. Estate	17.20
Austin, Albert	2.15
Barras, Ann	17.20
Brown, Elizabeth	6.45
Byron, Walter	18.92
Caliendo, James	12.90
Dragoon, Alex	17.20
Dugas, Fernande & Pauline	2.15

Dyke, William	3.00
Gill, Glenroy Heirs of	15.77
Gleason, Richard	30.10
Howard, C. H.	4.30
Kenney, Harris	3.00
LeFevre, Albert	34.40
Moliskis, Peter	3.00
Moore, Harold	3.00
Powers, Merwin	21.50
Stanley, Edward	8.60
Staples, Harry Heirs of	12.90
White, William & Richard, Omer	2.15

\$244.49

SUPPLEMENTARY

Jordan, Kenneth	\$ 3.00
Peabody, George (1953)	3.00
Rosenberg, Peter	12.90
Dragoon, Peter Jr.	3.00
Howard, Wm. H.	3.00
Anderson, Donald	3.00
Vaughn, Richard	3.00
Baker, James E.	3.00
Walker, Richard	3.00
Garneau, Cleston	3.00
Yates, Alton	3.00
Emery, Berton	3.00
Lucy, James	3.00
Lucy, Chas. Jr.	3.00
Martin, Edmond	3.00
Voter, Ronald	3.00

\$ 57.90

EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT

D-4 Tractor

Paid for Labor:	
Roy Oldham	\$ 53.00

Kenneth Roberts	36.00	
Warren Oldham	13.00	
Arthur Porter	10.00	
William Dyke	4.50	
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	\$	116.50

Paid for Supplies:

Towle's Hardware	\$ 1.52	
Knox Garage	1.50	
Rumford Oil Co.	26.74	
Houghton Arnold	4.18	
R. H. Hazelton	1.31	
William Dyke	1.00	
	\$	36.25

Total Expenditures	\$	152.75
Credits	\$365.00	
Due from Alfred Marble	51.75	

Balance over expenses	\$	264.00
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D-7 Tractor

Paid for Labor:

Roy Oldham	\$ 12.00	
George Byron	2.50	
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	\$	14.50

Paid for Supplies:

Towle's Hardware	\$ 3.70	
		3.70

Housing:

Waldo Porter	\$110.00	
	\$	110.00

Total expense	\$	128.20
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F.W.D. Truck

Paid for Labor:

Leslie Gordon	\$ 11.25	
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Leroy Oldham	76.00
Olen Russell	116.54
Stanley & Virgin	6.00
George Byron	77.50
Clayton Child	16.00
Stowell-MacGregor	1.33
Kenneth Roberts	13.00
Allan Fuller	12.00

\$ 329.62

Paid for Supplies:

Moose Horn Garage	\$ 60.85
Ralph Kidder	85.85
Flora Gordon	42.75
Arthur Porter	5.55
Ella Baker	27.32
R. H. Hazelton	2.98
Morrison's Garage	50.86
Frost Motor Supply	216.00
B. M. Clark	16.30
Western Auto Supply	22.05
Olen Russell	59.95
N. A. Burkett	541.26
Walter Byron	22.20
Louie's Service	2.50
Donald Lane	1.49
Ashley Rafuse	8.25
V. A. Eastman	3.00
R. I. Mitchell	10.92

\$ 1,108.08

Total Expenditures	\$ 1,437.70
Credits	- \$639.16

Expenses over Credits	\$ 798.54
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STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

DEMERITT CEMETERY

	Principal	Interest
Abbott, James C.	\$164.02	\$ 3.29
Austin, Barlow	100.00	2.01
Bishop, Lillian	300.00	6.03
Delano, Oscar	500.00	4.16
Demeritt, Elmer E.	200.00	4.02
Knox, Sumner	100.00	2.01
Lovejoy, Gusta	375.00	7.53
Martin, John A.	100.00	2.01
Neal & Hemingway	200.00	4.02
Simpson, Clementina	200.00	4.02
Woodsum, Nathaniel B.	100.00	2.01

Paid:

Demeritt Cemetery Assoc. \$ 41.11

Dickvale Cemetery

Cushman, Jesse	\$ 50.00	1.02
Lovejoy, Elias H.	100.00	2.05

East Peru Cemetery

Britton, Lora E.	\$ 50.00	1.02
Gammon, Chas. S.	200.00	4.14
Goodnow, Ida M.	200.00	4.14
Stillman, Hiram E.	100.00	2.01

Waite & Knight Cemetery

Turner, Hollis	\$732.92	\$72.54
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated:	\$400.00
Unappropriated Surpluses	311.69
Credits	1.63
Transferred from Fire Warden Account	50.00

Available

\$763.32

Paid for Labor:

Ralph Kidder \$ 38.00

Waldo Porter 39.00

Olen Russell	1.00
Richard Swan	9.00
William Austin	85.85
Erwin Child	18.50
Clayton Child	7.00
E. A. Hawthorne	5.00
George Easter	5.00
Ralph Calden	3.00
Milton Vaughn	16.50
Zane Brown	5.00
Addison Lufkin	6.00
Merwyn Putnam	2.00
Robert Haynes	5.00
Merchant Baker	3.00
William Donahe	2.00
Louis Donahue	2.00
William Donahue	2.00
Peter Dragoon	2.00
Joseph Lovejoy	5.00
Durward Oldham	2.00
Percy Chapman	1.00
Harry Hannon	4.00
E. John Garneau	1.00
Lawrence Brann	2.00
Loando Brann	1.00
Kenneth Brann	1.00
Leo LaPointe	1.00
Roger Brown	1.00
Lester Knox	1.00
Conrad Knox	5.00
Maurice B. Oldham	3.00
Warren Oldham	5.00
Charles Child	6.00
Colin Voter	2.00
Alonzo Brown	1.00
J. Bryant Oldham	1.00
Lawrence Donahue	1.00
Robert Dolloff	16.00

Richard Vaughn	3.00
LaForrest Vaughn	3.00
Ceylon Putnam	3.00
Rene Raymond	12.00
Wm. White	2.00
Rodney Haynes	5.00
Ronald Emery	3.00
Ezra Hunt	2.00
Isadore Brann	1.00

\$348.85

Paid for Supplies:

Rumford Oil Co.	\$120.75
Kidder's Store	9.53
Lewiston Supply	17.55
Eastern Fire Equipment	2.18
Olen Russell	1.00
Sears Roebuck & Co.	18.95
Elmer Farrar	2.58
Blanchard Assoc. Inc.	71.58

\$245.72

Total Expenditures

\$594.57

Unexpended

\$118.75

TOWN DUMPS

Appropriated:

\$400.00

Paid:

Theodore Jasud,	
Bulldozer Hire	\$ 57.00
Waldo Porter,	
Bulldozer Hire	14.00
Timberlands, Inc.,	
Bulldozer Hire	16.50
Alton Worthley,	
Bulldozer Hire	13.00
Merle Knox, Jr.,	
Moving Bulldozer	12.00

Waldo Porter, Truck & Labor	241.25	
Paid for Labor:		
Clayton Child	16.00	
Maurice Oldham	12.00	
Warren Oldham	2.00	
Merwyn Putnam	30.75	
Portland Exterminator, Supplies	135.00	
		\$549.50
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Overdrawn		\$149.50

DRY HYDRANTS

Unappropriated Surpluses		\$354.50
Credits		2.25
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Available		\$356.75
Paid;		
Timberlands, Inc.		\$36.00
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Unexpended		\$320.75

WAR MEMORIAL

Unappropriated Surpluses		\$125.00
Paid;		
K & H Foster		\$100.00
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Unexpended		\$25.00

COUNTY TAX

Assessed		\$4,544.25
Paid;		
Stuart Martin	\$4,544.25	

SHORT TIME LOANS

Received from Rumford Bank & Trust		\$15,000.00
Paid;		

Rumford Bank & Trust	\$10,000.00
Due Rumford Bank & Trust	\$5,000.00

DICKVALE BRIDGE

Appropriated	\$6,612.00
Paid;	
Treasurer of State	6,112.20
	\$499.80

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated	\$800.00
Paid;	
Rumford Light Co.	\$845.20
Overdrawn	\$45.20

SCHOOL LOAN

Appropriated	\$7,000.00
Paid;	
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.,	
Interest	\$688.50
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.,	
Principal	6,000.00
	\$6,688.50
Unexpended	\$311.50

HOSPITAL

Appropriated	\$400.00
Paid;	
Rumford Community Hospital	\$400.00

TOWN CEMETERIES

Appropriated	\$200.00
Credits	\$35.00
Paid;	\$235.00

Derriel Bryant, Labor	\$190.00	
		\$45.00
Trust Funds Interest		14.38
Total Unexpended		\$59.38

TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS

Unappropriated Surpluses		\$677.00
Paid;		
Puila Hardware Co.		\$38.80
Unexpended		\$638.20

HEALTH NURSE

Appropriated		\$100.00
Paid;		
Treasurer of State		\$100.00

IMPROVED ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$2,500.00
Paid for Labor;		
C. H. Robinson	156.00	
Leslie Gordon	32.00	
Henry Hussey	8.00	
Leroy Oldham	138.00	
Kenneth Roberts	34.00	
Joe Gillis	114.00	
Anthony Mockus	15.00	
Maurice Oldham	29.00	
Harold Packard, Sr.	93.00	
Warren Oldham	135.00	
Gerald Gordon	7.00	
Clayton Child	28.00	
John B. Oldham	1.00	
George Byron	103.75	
Jerry Doucette	3.00	

Rene Raymond	48.00
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\$944.75

Paid for Trucks;

C. H. Robinson	266.77
Harold Packard, Sr.	138.51
K. E. Pulsifer	27.55
Marlin Thurston	15.00
Oscar Putnam	2.71
Paradis Bros.	13.20
Ella Baker, Supplies	14.81
Lewiston Hardware, Supplies	17.01
W. H. Shurtleff, Calcium	46.60
W. H. Hinman, Tar	109.58
Omer Beisaw, Tar	920.00
Treasurer of State	327.32
Elmer Child, Gravel	7.20
George Byron, Tractor	3.75
Homer Roberts, Tractor	40.00

\$1,922.46

Overdrawn

\$ 367.21

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated	\$1,464.00
Rec'd. from Treasurer of State	2,093.52
Rec'd. from Treasurer of State	195.40

Available

\$3,752.92

Paid for Labor;

T. H. Learned, Foreman	\$189.00
Chester Learned	146.45
Manley Farrar	116.85
Bennie Lakavitcia	63.65
George Berringer	95.00
John Enman	5.70
Ellis Kahkonen	12.35
Eli DesRoche	41.80
Albert Parent	27.55

Kenneth Hazelton	19.00	
Floyd Emerson	55.50	
Anthony Mockus	3.00	
Leslie Gordon	5.50	
Maurice B. Oldham	12.00	
Harold Packard, Sr.	8.00	
C. H. Robinson	2.50	
Roy Oldham	2.50	
Kenneth Roberts	2.50	
Reuben Greene	2.50	
Gerald Gordon	2.50	
Warren Oldham	2.50	
Joe Gillis	2.50	
Melvin Bowie	1.00	
Robert Bowie	1.00	
Paid for Trucks;		
George Berringer	\$225.00	
Waldo Porter	159.10	
Ellis Kahkonen	232.45	
Alton Worthley	65.25	
Harold Packard	11.97	
C. H. Robinson	4.28	
Lester Farrington, Bulldozer	608.50	
Treasurer of State, Shovel	694.28	
New England Culverts, Culverts	501.98	
Timberlands, Gravel	86.60	
Diamond Match, Gravel	16.00	
Koppers, Inc., Tar	341.48	\$3,796.29
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Overdrawn		\$ 43.37

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION FUND

Appropriated	\$1,000.00
Rec'd. from Treasurer of State	2,504.44
Rec'd from Jerry Haley	36.05
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Available	\$3,540.49

Paid for Labor;		
Anthony Mockus	\$7.00	
Manley Farrar	79.80	
Bennie Lakavitchia	85.80	
T. H. Learned	153.00	
George Berringer	53.20	
Ellis Kahkonen	60.80	
Girard Richard	50.35	
Robert Dolloff	20.90	
Kenneth Pulsifer	53.20	
Malcom Priest	42.75	
C. H. Robinson	14.25	
Kenneth Farrington	37.05	
Floyd Emerson	150.00	
Robert Benson	15.20	
Kenneth Hazelton	7.60	
Paid for Trucks;		
George Berringer	126.00	
Ellis Kahkonen	347.20	
Eli Richard	127.20	
Alton Worthley	101.25	
C. H. Robinson	27.00	
Donald Brown	87.75	
Roy Millett	36.00	
Paid for Supplies;		
Marlin Thurston	287.80	
Bancroft & Martin	432.14	
Treasurer of State, Shovel	528.00	
Lester Farrington, Bulldozer	650.00	\$3,580.94
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Overdrawn		\$ 40.45

HURRICANE DAMAGE

Paid for Labor;	
George Byron	\$498.74
Clayton Child	100.00
Rene Raymond	7.00
Maurice Oldham	118.00

Bennie Lakavitcia	36.50
Leroy Oldham	59.00
Ted Jasud	52.00
Merle Knox, Jr.	3.00
Warren Oldham	12.00
Anthony Mockus	6.00
Jerry Doucette	3.00
Leslie Gordon	125.00
Kenneth Roberts	337.00
Joe Gillis	124.00
Roger Knox	152.00
Harold Packard, Sr.	71.00
C. H. Robinson	127.80
Robert Dolloff	142.50
Elwood Lovejoy	121.50
Alton Lovejoy	279.50
Paid for Trucks;	
Arthur Porter	92.63
Harold Packard, Sr.	396.78
C. H. Robinson	270.60
Alton Worthley	323.60
John Steele	196.95
Paradis Bros.	992.38
Paid for Tractors;	
John Steele	60.00
Alton Worthley	1,140.00
Timberlands, Inc.	95.00
Ted Jasud	395.10
George Byron	25.00
Merle Knox, Jr., Moving tractor	54.00
Paradis Bros., Shovel	1,000.00
Alton Lovejoy, Compressor	197.90
Paid for Gravel;	
Linus Libby	44.80
Elmer Child	56.20
Charles Hines	25.20
Anthony Mendes	6.30
Omer Beisaw	6.60

Marlin Thurston	16.70	
Timberlands, Inc.	12.00	
Diamond Match	6.00	
Harold Packard, Sr.	105.80	
Manley Farrar	11.50	
Paid for Supplies		
Alton Lovejoy	176.07	
Ella Baker	86.64	
Towle's Hardware	8.00	
Walter Byron	7.65	
Ralph Calden	5.51	
Maine Duntile	27.94	
Alton Worthley	374.47	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	142.00	
		\$8,734.86

DELANO HILL AND CLESTON KNOX ROAD

Appropriated		\$1,000.00
Paid for Labor;		
Maurice B. Oldham	\$21.50	
Leroy Oldham	5.00	
Kenneth Roberts	5.00	
Joe Gillis	5.00	
Leslie Gordon	11.50	
Gerald Gordon	5.00	
C. H. Robinson	7.00	
Warren Oldham	5.00	
Reuben Greene	5.00	
Harold Packard	15.00	
Melvin Bowie	3.00	
Robert Bowie	3.00	
Clayton Child	13.00	
Anthony Mockus	7.50	
Paid for Truck;		
Harold Packard, Sr.	18.81	
C. H. Robinson	10.26	
Arthur Porter	68.00	

Waldo Porter	24.00	
Ralph Campbell, Grader	18.03	
Koppers, Inc.	825.29	\$1,075.89

Overdrawn		\$ 75.89
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SUMMER ROADS

Appropriated		\$5,000.00
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Paid for Labor;

George Byron	\$884.99
Leroy Oldham	464.00
Joe Gillis	354.00
Merle Knox, Jr.	34.64
Clayton Child	48.65
Kenneth Roberts	510.00
C. H. Robinson	97.00
Reuben Greene	2.50
Leslie Gordon	13.00
Earl Byron	10.00
Jerry Doucette	81.00
Harold Packard	61.50
Rene Raymond	12.00
Robert Dolloff	28.50
John Kazregis	2.00

\$2,603.78

Paid for Trucks;

C. H. Robinson	\$203.36
Harold Packard, Sr.	170.21
John Steele	126.40
Alton Worthley	32.52
Waldo Porter	412.49
Arthur Porter	186.12
Marlin Thurston	9.25

Paid for Tractors;

George Byron	205.00
Alton Worthley	195.00
Waldo Porter	35.00

Paid for Supplies;		
Ella Baker	7.59	
Maine Duntile	1.17	
Alton Worthley	45.43	
Olen Russell	43.56	
V. A. Eastman	7.75	
Towle's Hardware	3.30	
Lewiston Hardware	35.10	
Paid for Gravel;		
Marlin Thurston	43.10	
Arnold Estate	24.40	
Walter Byron	19.20	
Bancroft & Martin, Culverts	303.26	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., Culverts	369.26	
Waldo Porter, Shovel	95.00	\$5,177.25
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Overdrawn		\$ 177.25
Plank paid for in 1953		\$ 300.00
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Overdrawn		\$ 477.25

MISCELLANEOUS

Excise Tax	\$4,742.88
Credits	1,166.58
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Available	5,809.46

Paid;	
Towle's Hardware	\$22.44
Clayton Child	125.72
Corey's Express	6.10
Mary S. Vaughn	175.40
Hutchins Bros.	8.90
Oscar Putnam	31.00
Rumford Light Co.	211.59
Emma E. West	105.00
Sherman Haines	15.00
Vinton Tibbetts	8.30
J. A. Arnold	646.67

Wm. Jordan	30.08
Ella Baker	31.50
Maurice Oldham	74.46
Rumford Bank & Trust	245.17
Rumford Publishing Co.	220.50
Marks Printing	52.99
Rockemeka Grange	5.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	78.75
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide	14.50
Loring Short & Harmon	107.90
Fogg's Transportation	5.90
Treasurer of State	544.58
Arline Swan	36.75
Burton Hawkes	9.75
C. R. Woodman	290.00
Timberlands	92.00
Maine Duntile	18.59
Dwight Oldham	40.00
C. H. Robinson	77.94
Percy Child	5.00
Ralph Hazelton	5.03
Bryant Oldham	15.00
Alex Godish	3.50
Rumford Falls Ins. Agency	274.75
William Austin	3.00
Leslie Gordon	56.96
Joe Gillis	34.50
Arthur Porter	2.00
Leroy Gustus	2.00
Maine Municipal	40.00
John Marble	4.00
Leroy Oldham	7.00
Warren Oldham	13.00
Omer Beisaw	70.00
John Steele	7.00
Waldo Porter	2.80
James Dragoon	6.00

Social Security	259.22	
Transferred to Dry Hydrant Acct.	200.00	\$4,343.24
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Unexpended		\$1,466.22

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

ASSETS

Cash on hand	\$4,842.33	
1949 Taxes	286.34	
1950 Taxes	232.16	
1951 Taxes	345.75	
1952 Taxes	139.68	
1953 Taxes	376.72	
1954 Taxes	4,183.33	
1955 Taxes	650.41	
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		\$6,214.39

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

Glenroy Miller Lot	\$25.00	
Rupert Hotham Lot	100.00	
Walter Penley, Camp and Lot	50.00	
Harry Staples, Camp and Lot	100.00	
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		\$ 275.00

BILLS RECEIVABLE

Lincoln Scott	\$31.00	
Alfred Marble	51.75	
Willma Tibbetts	6.00	
Due from Health & Welfare	92.31	
Due from Harold Packard, Sr.	64.45	
Due from State Highway and Federal Government	8,734.86	\$ 8,799.31
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Total Assets \$15,288.70

LIABILITIES

Rumford Bank & Trust,	
Short Time Loan	\$5,000.00

Rumford Bank & Trust, School Loan	34,800.00	\$39,800.00
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Liabilities over Assets		\$24,511.30

STATE POOR

Paid;		
Simard Oil	\$26.40	
Rumford Oil	16.60	
Ralph Calden	136.52	
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		\$179.52
Received from State	\$87.21	
Due from State		\$ 92.31

SKATING RINK

Credits		\$1.00
Paid out	\$4.83	
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		\$3.83

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriated		\$3,000.00
Received from:		
C. H. Robinson		.75
Phyllis Raymond		98.22
Philip Hebb, Jr.		1.00
George Stevens		.50
Walter Casper		19.37
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Available		\$3,019.84
Paid;		
Aid No. 1		
Ralph Hazelton	\$148.01	
Edgar Bujold	14.85	
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		\$162.86
Aid No. 2		
Treasurer of State		38.88

Aid No. 3		
Treasurer of Lewiston		\$50.79
Aid No. 4		
Treasurer of Lewiston	\$235.32	
R. H. Hazelton	1.20	
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Aide No. 5		
Ella Baker	\$19.37	
Treasurer of State	14.58	
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Aid No. 6		
Town of Winthrop	\$18.11	
Treasurer of State	24.30	
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Aid No. 7		
Selma Farrar	\$628.30	
Edgar Bujold	2.95	
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Aid No. 8		
Herman DeAngelis	\$360.00	
Anderson & Briggs	3.28	
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Aid No. 9		
Turner's Cash Market	\$120.36	
Ralph Calden	122.56	
Edgar Bujold	.75	
George Dyer	20.00	
D. E. Elsemore, M. D.	9.00	
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Aid No. 10		
Turner's Cash Market	\$110.54	

Howards	4.03
John Kazregis	4.00
D. E. Elsemore, M. D.	6.00
Ralph Calden	22.49
Leslie Gordon	9.20
C. M. G. Hospital	308.74
Herman DeAngelis	102.90

\$567.90

Aid No. 11		
Treasurer of Dixfield	\$72.79	\$72.79
Aid No. 12		
Treasurer of State	\$113.22	\$113.22
Aid No. 13		
Treasurer of State	\$131.22	\$131.22
Aid No. 14		
Treasurer of State	\$131.22	\$131.22
Veteran No. 1		
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	\$14.00	\$14.00

Total Expenditures	\$2,862.96
Unexpended	256.88

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated	\$5,500.00
Rec'd. from Chanel Cormier	5.00
Rec'd. from Treasurer of State	865.75

Available \$6,370.75

Paid for Labor:	
George Byron, Foreman	\$773.75
Kenneth Roberts	79.00
Charles Lufkin	103.00
Allan Fuller	33.00
Leslie Gordon	226.00
Joe Gillis	228.00
Robert Dolloff	185.00
Harold Packard, Sr.	184.25

Harold Packard, Jr.	8.00
C. H. Robinson	228.75
Arthur Child	4.00
Wm. Conant	8.50
Merle Knox, Jr.	90.50
A. G. Walker	20.00
Henry Hussey	179.00
Waldo Porter	66.90
Richard Dolloff	68.00
Leroy Oldham	122.00
Clayton Child	47.95
Maurice Oldham	35.00
Town of Mexico	19.77
Elwin Knox	52.50
Warren Oldham	46.00
Jerry Doucette	25.00
Arthur Porter	3.00
Treasurer of State	24.28
Anthony Mockus	15.00
Hollis Whitney	6.00
C. Mac Pherson	2.00
Bennie Lakavitcia	31.50
Alton Lovejoy	3.00
Ralph Kidder	3.00
Elwood Lovejoy	3.00
John Steele	77.80
Elmer Child	4.95
Marlin Thurston	4.20
Merle Knox, Jr.	4.00
Paid for Trucks:	
Alton Worthley	53.40
Harold Packard, Sr.	464.32
Merle Knox, Jr.	900.00
C. H. Robinson	47.92
James Dragoon	5.00
John Steele	41.50
Paid for Shovel:	
Waldo Porter	72.00

John Steele	19.00	
Paid for Supplies:		
Omer Beisaw	9.75	
Howard Fairfield	78.80	
Corey's Inc.	2.20	
Dearborn's Tire Exchange	11.16	
B. M. Clark	50.00	
W. H. Shurtleff	650.60	
V. A. Eastman	2.50	
W. H. Shurtleff, Snow Fence	450.00	\$6,877.81
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Overdrawn		\$507.06

EXPENDITURES OF ROADS

Improved Roads	\$2,867.21
Snow Removal	6,877.81
Summer Roads	5,177.25
Worthley Pond Road	3,080.76
Road Improvement Construction	3,580.94
Hurricane Damage	8,334.86
State Aid Construction	3,796.29
Delano Hill	1,075.89
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Total	\$35,191.01

WORTHLEY POND ROAD

Appropriated	\$3,000.00
Paid for Labor:	
Maurice Oldham	\$58.50
Leslie Gordon	40.50
Ellis Kahnonen	30.40
Kenneth Hazelton	22.80
Frank Porter	28.50
H. E. Pulsifer	30.40
George Berringer	15.20
Floyd Emerson	46.50
Albert Parent	37.05
Anthony Mockus	8.50

Harold Packard	16.50	
Leroy Oldham	9.00	
Kenneth Roberts	7.50	
Joe Gillis	7.50	
Gerald Gordon	7.50	
Clarence Robinson	5.50	
Warren Oldham	7.50	
Reuben Greene	7.50	
Melvin Bowie	7.00	
Robert Bowie	6.00	
Clayton Child	6.00	
Paid for Trucks:		
Ellis Kahkonen	219.20	
Alton Worthley	87.75	
Waldo Porter	136.00	
George Berringer	36.00	
Arthur Porter	40.00	
John Steele	13.40	
Harold Packard, Sr.	19.67	
Ralph Campbell	20.60	
Lester Farrington, Dozer	201.50	
Alton Worthley, Dozer	24.00	
Alton Worthley, Loader	9.00	
Timberlands, Gravel	134.30	
Treasurer of State, Shovel	308.00	
Koppers Co. Inc., Tar	1,000.00	
Bancroft & Martin	425.49	\$3,080.76
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Overdrawn		80.76

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Box 157
Mexico, Maine
April 28, 1954

Board of Selectmen
Peru, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Peru have been audited for the fiscal year ended February 1, 1954.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to municipal accounting. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with the preceding year, and included all procedures that were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

C. R. WOODMAN

Public Accountant

COMMENTS

Town of Peru

February 2, 1953 to February 1, 1954

An audit of the books and records of the Town of Peru has been completed for the municipal year ended February 1, 1954. The audit included an examination of the records maintained by the Assessors, Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer.

The result of the audit indicates that the following suggestions appear worthy of consideration by the town officials:

The Tax Collector should use prenumbered, triplicate receipts.

Transfers between accounts should be by journal entry, rather than to clear through the Treasurer's cash account.

Monthly trial balances should be obtained from the Selectmen's ledger.

The examination consisted of a review of cash transactions, as well as an analysis of revenues and expenditures. The result of the year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$3,825.15. However, overdrafts were noted in various operating accounts totaling \$3,809.35. Unexpended and overdraft balances are summarized as follows:

Unexpended balances	\$7,634.50
Overdrafts	3,809.35

Net unexpended balances	\$3,825.15

The Department of Attorney General of the State of Maine has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute, except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities, and then only to the extent of fifteen per cent of the highway appropriation.

An analysis of a comparative statement of revenues and expenditures disclosed that for the 1953 municipal year available funds increased by \$6,980.96 as compared with the preceding year. Expenditures for the same period increased by \$3,585.21, which were reflected principally by increased expenditures in the highways and education accounts.

From the examination of departmental accounts it was determined that the net unexpended balances carried forward totaled \$1,360.21, (Exhibit D). Trust fund income totaling \$96.85 should be expended on the cemeteries in accordance with the terms of the trusts or credited to the appropriate trust fund accounts.

At the year end the unappropriated surplus amounted to \$6,702.90, or an increase of \$1,748.84 as compared with the previous year. This increase was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures of \$3,825.15 less an adjustment of prior years taxes receivable totaling \$430.05 and authorized transfers to operating accounts totaling \$1,665.86.

The debt fund, incorporated in the balance sheet as a separate fund, reflects the outstanding West Peru Grammar School construction notes of the Town totaling \$40,800.00, which mature \$6,000.00 annually. Detail is shown in Schedule A-6.

From the examination of funds held in trust by the Town, it was ascertained that fund principals totaled \$3,844.94, and unexpended income of \$38.77, were represented by the deposits of \$3,310.71 in the Rumford Fall Trust Company and the Portland Savings Bank, and an amount of \$573.00 due from the general fund. The amount due from the general fund represents the Ministerial and School Fund which was used by the Town in prior years.

From the Town Clerk's records it was ascertained that authority was granted at the annual town meeting to transfer excise tax to the miscellaneous account and to transfer \$1,490.17 from surplus to the Worthley Pond Road Account. It was also voted to transfer \$906.53, the balance of the West

Peru Grammar School construction fund, to be used by the school committee to furnish the new school.

Scope of Audit

Count of cash was made and records were checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as it pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. Available funds and expenditures were examined by methods and to the extent deemed necessary. Letters of verification were used to determine the correctness of tax and tax lien accounts. Trust fund transactions were reviewed and the time deposits representing the investment of the funds were examined. Insurance and bond coverages were examined and listed. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the Collector.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the Town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet and supporting statements fairly present the financial position of the Town at February 1, 1954, and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

TOWN OF**COMPARATIVE**

February 1, 1954 February 1, 1953

GENERAL**ASSETS**

Cash in Bank	\$ 4,713.55	\$ 8,025.65
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	282.62	45.82
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-2)	4,073.78	2,993.28
Tax Liens (Sch. A-3)	230.90	300.20
Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-4)	42.70	85.88

Total — General Fund	<u>\$ 9,343.55</u>	<u>\$11,450.83</u>
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DEBT**ASSETS**

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	\$40,800.00	\$46,800.00
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TRUST AND**ASSETS**

Trust Funds:		
Time Deposits (Sch. A-7)	\$ 3,310.71	\$ 3,335.88
Due from General Fund	573.00	573.00
	<u>\$ 3,883.71</u>	<u>\$ 3,908.88</u>
Special Funds:		
Demand Deposits		906.53
Total — Trust and special funds	<u>\$ 3,883.71</u>	<u>\$ 4,815.41</u>

PERU**BALANCE SHEET**

February 1, 1954

February 1, 1953

FUND**LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable (Sch. A-5)	\$ 65.00	\$ 84.60
Due Government Agencies		72.55
Notes Payable		4,000.00
Due Trust Funds	573.00	573.00
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Total Liabilities	\$ 638.00	\$ 4,730.15
Deferred Revenue — Excise Taxes	\$ 642.44	\$ 783.53
RESERVE		
Authorized Expenditures (Ex. D)	\$ 1,360.21	\$ 983.09
SURPLUS		
Unappropriated (Ex. C)	\$ 6,702.90	\$ 4,954.06
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Total — General Fund	\$ 9,343.55	\$11,450.83
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FUND**LIABILITIES**

Notes Payable (Sch. A-6)	\$40,800.00	\$46,800.00
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SPECIAL FUNDS**LIABILITIES**

Trust Funds:		
Principals (Sch. A 7)	\$ 3,844.94	\$ 3,844.94
Unexpended Income	38.77	63.94
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Total — Trust Funds	\$ 3,883.71	\$ 3,908.88
Special Funds:		
Peru Grammar School		906.53
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Total — Trust and Special Funds	\$ 3,883.71	\$ 4,815.41

TOWN OF PERU
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES
YEARS ENDED FEBRUARY 1,

Revenues:

	1954	1953
Real, Personal, Poll Taxes	\$ 82,728.21	\$ 73,546.04
Supplemental Taxes	48.33	420.57
Excise Taxes	4,159.35	4,048.54
State of Maine	15,553.95	8,594.29
Licenses	2.00	2.00
Equipment Rental	360.43	60.00
Sale Highway Materials	391.71	59.70
Charity Reimbursements	337.10	195.94
Sale Cemetery Lots	30.00	30.00
Trust Fund Income	94.27	
Refunds, Reimbursements	109.28	56.91
Tax Lien Costs, Interest	170.10	229.64
Tuition		34.00
Sale of Equipment	61.20	80.00
Gain — Tax Liens	195.42	35.75
Equip. rental to Town	2,705.99	
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Total Revenues	\$106,947.24	\$ 87,393.38
Add:		
Deferred Revenue		
Excise Taxes	\$ 783.53	\$ 438.67
Transfer from Surplus	1,665.86	545.19
Transfer from Special Funds	906.53	
Carrying Balances Expended		14,567.84
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	\$110,303.16	\$102,945.08
Deduct:		
Revenue Applicable to		
Appropriation carrying		
Balances	\$ 377.12	
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Total Available Funds	\$109,926.04	\$102,945.08

Expenditures:

General Government	\$ 6,827.08	\$ 6,932.20
Protection	1,451.95	10,379.02
Health & Sanitation	865.45	697.19
Highways & Bridges	32,686.39	20,836.70
Equipment	3,965.04	8,133.61

Charities	3,347.37	2,896.77
Education	44,242.70	39,427.26
Cemeteries	260.93	429.57
Municipal Indebtedness	7,048.00	7,103.90
Special Assessments	4,544.25	3,799.11
Unclassified	861.73	1,880.35
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$106,100.89	\$102,515.68
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EXCESS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS		
OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,825.15	\$ 429.40



REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of
the Town of Peru:

I hereby submit my second annual report of the Peru School:

When school opened in September there were three new teachers on our staff, Mrs. Hazel Perkins in Grade 7, Mrs. Myrtle Oliver in Grades 4 and 5, and Miss Sally Mills in Grade 1. Mrs. Agnes York was granted a leave of absence for the first nine weeks in order to attend Farmington State Teachers College to complete necessary work for her degree during which time Miss Annie Akers substituted. Donald Nichols continues as Music Supervisor.

Statistics relative to teachers, enrollment, attendance, and average attendance follow:

Position	Teacher	Terms in	
		Present	Annual
Principal & Teacher		Position	Salary
of Grade VIII	Evelyn Russell	54	\$2,700.00
Grade VII	Hazel Perkins	1	2,400.00
Grades V & VI	Carolyn Baker	3	2,400.00
Grades IV & V	Myrtle Oliver	1	2,400.00
Grade III	Ida Fraser	11	2,400.00
Grade II	Lily Pratt	2	2,400.00
Grade I	Sally Mills	1	1,900.00
Sub-Primary	Agnes York	5	2,400.00

ATTENDANCE — SCHOOL YEAR 1953-1954

Grade	No. of Pupils	Av.Att. for Year
VIII	15	14.36
VII	17	13.97
VI	27	26.05
V	21	17.76
IV	12	10.98

III	20	17.30
II	17	15.76
I	25	21.49
Sub-Primary	27	23.70

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment by Grades for the Fall Term, 1954

Grade VIII	14
Grade VII	27
Grade VI	18
Grade V	10
Grade IV	19
Grade III	15
Grade II	23
Grade I	24
Sub-Primary	22

High School Tuition

The total number registered at various high schools for the Fall Term beginning September 1954 was fifty-one. Of these enrolled, one has dropped out during the term, leaving fifty.

The following were enrolled in various high schools for the fall term, 1954:

Mexico High School — Warren Oldham.

Dixfield High School — David Horne, Robert Child, Gerald Gordon, Nancy Hunt, Frank Porter, Faye Vaughn, Carol Child, Elaine Knox, Joanne McGuire, Willis McGuire, William Priest, Jacqueline Walker and Evangeline Payne.

Canton High School — Florence Bryant.

Stephens High School — Evangeline Brackett, Joanne Donahue, James Dragoon, Olga Kushner, Shirley Ring, Ethel Worthley, Melvin Bowie, Carol London, Cynthia Narusis, Richard Austin, Gerald Boucher, Shirley Bowie, Brenda Brown, Carole Goodwin, Faye Goodwin, Jean Kidder, Garold Kingsbury, Antoinette London, Betty Priest, Diane Narusis, Lucius Robinson, Albert Tibbetts, Leo Boucher, Alice Byron, Lance Gerrish, Jean Gill, Edwin Goodwin, Earl Kasergis, Beverly Packard, Donald Perkins, Kathryn Rob-

inson, Burchard Scott, June Vaughn, Ronello Vaughn, Richard Worthley and Carolyn Pettigrew.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Grade I	Ray Goodwin
Robert Young	James Moro
Grade III	Grade VI
George Howard	Richard Knox
Nancy Perkins	Robert Knox
Linda Young	David Young
Grade IV	Grade VII
Eleanor Robinson	Margaret Parent
John Vaughn	Grade VIII
David Wooley	Jean Gill
Grade V	June Vaughn
Peter Burgum	Ronello Vaughn

Repairs and Equipment

A considerable amount of work has been done in the Auditorium. Improvements have been made on the stage and the walls and floor have been painted.

The school yard received another application of tar which should stand up for some time.

An extension ladder was purchased and the general maintenance work of washing and sealing all the floors completed our summer program.

Budget

The budget for 1955-56 as prepared by the Superintending School Committee is as follows:

Common Schools	\$ 25,260.53
High School Tuition	14,342.25
Books and Supplies	900.00
Repairs and Equipment	1,500.00
Superintendence	1,023.50
Office Expense	21.18
Dental Project	40.00
Insurance	883.27

\$ 44,005.11

CONCLUSION

The School Committee recommends that the roof on the old section of the school should be replaced this coming summer. It has been noted during several storms that water damage has been caused to the interior of the building.

I wish to extend sincere appreciation for the constant help rendered by the School Committee, Town Officials and Citizens of the Town of Peru. This support and cooperation is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODROW A. MERCIER

Supt. of Schools

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

(For School Year 1954-1955)

To Whom It May Concern:—

This year the policy has been to promote a music program which shows an insight toward a general theoretical learning of music as well as the ability to sing, read or perform music at various levels suitable to the respective grade.

Much of this is done through incidental learning, although formal music study has been introduced into the program previously in the last two years. **General song analysis** is carried through as part of the incidental training along with the regular class lesson at the proper grade levels.

Vocal Program:—

Each class has been voice tested and the students of the respective grades are placed in three choirs—as choir one, two and three. These classes have a developing repertoire of songs suitable for their grade level. A general chorus has been selected mostly from choir one from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. This chorus meets every Thursday for one period. Alternation of the 5th and 6th grade group

with the 7th and 8th grade is planned at various times, allowing a smaller group to participate in a better learning situation.

Instrumental Program:—

The instrumental program started with a survey of music interest in each grade. There then developed instrumental classes in the study of the trumpet, the saxophone and clarinet, the violin, the drums, and a class in guitar, banjo and other strings. It was found, however, that class time could not include all instruments without alternation. This will be arranged when necessary, to include new students as well. From the class lesson program there has developed the **West Peru School Band and Orchestra** which has been formed and includes a performing group of majorettes. The leading majorettes are placed in full control of the marching band.

Instrumental classes meet each Thursday morning for one half hour each. The first hour allows time for full band, orchestra and majorette practice. Members of this group are invited to attend the larger school union band practice which meets every Monday from 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. at the Dixfield grammar school.

The band will have opportunity to perform this spring term at the West Peru School as well as an invitation to include performance in the school union band for the Memorial Day Parade.

I wish to thank the superintendent, teachers, parents and others who are helping to promote a successful music program in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD H. NICHOLS,
Music Supervisor

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Common Schools

Receipts

Balance 1953	\$ 1,054.71
Appropriation	23,148.34

Int. on School Fund	34.38	
Trans. from State Fund	5,796.86	
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		\$ 30,034.29

Expenditures

Instruction	\$ 19,346.50	
Janitor and Cleaning	1,141.09	
Conveyance	6,723.80	
Fuel	2,701.76	
Prof. Credits	50.00	
Misc.	15.00	
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		\$ 29,978.15
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Balance		\$ 56.14

High School Tuition

Receipts

Appropriation	\$ 15,000.00	
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		\$ 15,000.00

Expenditures

Town of Buckfield	\$ 92.10	
Town of Canton	245.06	
Town of Dixfield	3,127.27	
Town of Mexico	256.20	
Town of Rumford	9,224.12	
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		\$ 12,944.75
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Balance		\$ 2,055.25

Books and Supplies

Appropriation	\$ 900.00	
Trans. State Fund	1,440.13	
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		\$ 2,340.13
Expended		\$ 2,340.13

Repairs and Equipment		
Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
Insurance Co.	355.00	
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		\$ 2,355.00
Expended		1,990.75
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Balance		\$ 364.25
Superintendence		
Appropriation	\$ 747.50	
Trans. State Fund	46.00	
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		\$ 793.50
Expended		\$ 793.50
Office Expense		
Balance 1953	\$ 28.65	
Appropriation	150.00	
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		\$ 178.65
Expended		154.83
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Balance		\$ 23.82
Dental Project		
Balance 1953	\$ 30.00	
Appropriation	100.00	
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		\$ 130.00
Expended		70.00
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Balance		\$ 60.00
Insurance		
Appropriation	\$ 200.00	
Trans. State Fund	342.87	
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		\$ 542.87
Expended		\$ 542.87
State Fund		\$ 7,625.86

Trans. to:

Common Schools	\$ 5,796.86
Books & Supplies	1,440.13
Supt.	46.00
Insurance	342.87

	\$ 7,625.86

RECAPITULATION

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balances
Common Schools	\$30,034.29	\$29,978.15	\$ 56.14
High School Tuition	15,000.00	12,944.75	2,055.25
Books and Supplies	2,340.13	2,340.13	
Repair & Equipment	2,355.00	1,990.75	364.25
Superintendence	793.50	793.50	
Office Expense	178.65	154.83	23.82
Dental Project	130.00	70.00	60.00
Insurance	542.87	542.87	
Accrued Salaries	1,662.00		1,662.00*
	\$53,036.44	\$48,814.98	\$4,221.46
Total Unexpended		4,221.46	
	\$53,036.44	\$53,036.44	\$4,221.46

*Accrued Salaries Account — money withheld from teachers' pay the first half year which will be paid out during the summer months.

Progress Report on Mouth Health Project

The annual project for prevention of dental decay through applications of sodium fluoride solution to erupted teeth and dental health education in mouth care practices was continued in November, 1954 for the children of your community. A registered dental hygienist from the State Department of Health and Welfare devoted 10 days to this project that included 55 elementary and pre-school aged children.

In communities where this type of program has operated for several years, 25 to 35 percent of the children, 3

years after their application of sodium fluoride solution, show no new decay in permanent teeth so protected.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN NILES

Division of Dental Health

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

PERU — 1954

Almost every individual and every civic group is interested in health, either from a personal or a community standpoint, and the success of a public health nursing program depends upon this interest.

Child Health Conferences are held yearly, at which time the infant and pre-school children are examined by a physician and offered immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria, tetanus and small pox. The school children were examined by the school physician, and immunizations were offered to those who needed them. The public health nurse assists the physician in these activities with the help of a fine group of volunteer workers.

Many people have been referred by their family physicians to various clinics. One of the services the public health nurse gives, is to visit these patients and help them plan for attending, and following the recommendations made at clinic. Others have been referred for the conservation of eye sight and the ophthalmologist's recommendations have been followed. Home visits were also made for health supervision of infants, children and adults.

The public health nurse wishes to thank all the people in the community who have so willingly helped her in the various public health activities, and all other members who have shown an interest in our public health nursing program.

Respectfully submitted,

(Miss) HELEN ARNOLD, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

State of Maine

County of Oxford, ss

To Mary S. Vaughn, a Constable of the Town of Peru,
in the County of Oxford Greetings:

You are required, in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Peru Grange Hall, in said Town on Saturday, the fifth day of March, A. D. 1955 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the several Town Officers.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.

Budget Committee recommends the appointment.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to elect one or more Road Commissioners.

Art. 6. To choose all necessary Town Officers: Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Wood & Lumber, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, Treasurer, Sexton, Superintending School Committee, Constables, Fire Chief and Health Officer.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for:

Budget Com. Rec.

a) Maintenance & Support of Schools

1954 Total Appropriation \$42,280.22 \$ 44,005.11

1955 Appropriation

Common Schools		
1954 Appropriation	\$23,148.34	\$ 25,260.53
1955 Appropriation	-----	
High School Tuition		
1954 Appropriation	\$15,000.00	\$ 14,342.25
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Books & Supplies		
1954 Appropriation	\$900.00	\$ 900.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Repairs & Equipment		
1954 Appropriation	\$2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Superintendence		
1954 Appropriation	\$747.50	\$ 1,023.50
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Office Expense		
1954 Appropriation	\$150.00	\$ 21.18
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Dental Project		
1954 Appropriation	\$100.00	\$ 40.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Insurance		
1954 Appropriation	\$200.00	\$ 883.27
1955 Appropriation	-----	
Interest on School Fund		
1954 Appropriation	\$34.38	\$ 34.38
1955 Appropriation	-----	
b) Poor Maintenance		
1954 Appropriation	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
c) Repairs & Maintenance of Summer Roads		
1954 Appropriation	\$5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	

d) Town Officers		
1954 Appropriation	\$3,500.00	\$ 3,700.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
e) Miscellaneous		
1954 Excise Tax		Excise Tax
1955 Appropriation	-----	be used
f) Memorial Day		
1954 Appropriation	\$50.00	\$ 40.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
g) Street Lights		
1954 Appropriation	\$800.00	\$ 800.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
h) Town Cemeteries		
1954 Appropriation	\$200.00	\$ 155.00
1955 Appropriation	-----	
i) To defray all other necessary Town Charges		
1954 Appropriation	None	None
1955 Appropriation	-----	

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Peru, said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health & Welfare for local service.

1954 Appropriation \$100.00
1955 Appropriation -----
Recommended \$100.00

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$1,332.00 for State Aid Construction and Tarring in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of Highways and Bridges under Provisions 25 & 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes 1949 as amended.

1954 Appropriation \$1,464.00
1955 Appropriation -----
Recommended \$1,332.00

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repair of improved town roads and tar surface treatment for same.

1954 Appropriation \$2,500.00

1955 Appropriation -----

Recommended \$3,500.00

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal.

1954 Appropriation \$5,500.00, \$500.00 for Snow Fence

1955 Appropriation -----

Recommended \$5,000.00

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for water pipe and care of the spring on side of the Worthley Pond Road.

Recommended \$125.00

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to hold the unexpended balance of 1954 for Town Owned Buildings, Repair and Maintenance.

Recommended holding unexpended balance

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to put with the unexpended balance of Town Owned Buildings to house the D-7 Tractor.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to repair the following bridges: Eastman, Chapel Hill, LaCroix and Cummings.

Recommended \$1,200.00

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be donated to the Rumford Community Hospital.

No recommendation

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to hold the unexpended balance of 1954 for the Maintenance of the Fire Department.

Recommended holding the unexpended balance

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Maintenance of the Fire Department.

Recommended \$532.00

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for a new building to house the small tractor and fire pumper at Worthley Pond, near the winter stockpile.

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Maintenance of the West Peru and Worthley Pond Dumps.

Recommended \$400.00

Art. 21. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to sell and convey by Quit-Claim Deed any or all property acquired by tax liens.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay on the School Loan.

Recommended \$6,000.00 and interest.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to hold the unexpended balance of 1954 for Dry Hydrants.

Recommended holding the unexpended balance.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to transact the Town's business from Feb. 1, 1956 to the Annual Meeting.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chap. 32 Sec. 54.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$160.00 to purchase a pump to be used for

pumping out springs or flooded cellars.

Recommended to pass the article by.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to buy the G. Lawrence Donahue house and land.

Recommended to purchase same.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road from the Jerry Haley turn to the Four Corners, so-called.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road from the West Peru Dump to the G. Lawrence house.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Road leading from the Valley Road to the old Miller homestead.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will raise and appropriate to pay the Town Fire Warden.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 with the Town Road Improvement Fund for the Road (Kushner) towards Averill's house.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the skating rink.

Recommended \$100.00

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200.00 for Civil Defense.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay Town charges and debts in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the Town for all money so borrowed to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1955 by the taxes.

Art. 37. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall in Peru at 9 o'clock in the forenoon the fifth day of March A. D. 1955 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1955.

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